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World

Concorde crash: A titanium strip that fell off a Continental Airlines jumbo jet onto a Paris runway was the main cause of the deadly crash of an Air France Concorde in 2000, judicial experts reported Tuesday.

Meanwhile, French prosecutors sum-moned top Continental executive Gordon Bethune and other officials for questioning in the probe of the July 25, 2000, crash outside Paris that killed 113 people, a lawyer for civil parties in the case said

Judicial officials issued a report Tuesday designed to help assess responsibility for the crash, meaning employees at Continental could face prosecution in France

U.S. deserter: Villagers on the remote Japanese isle of Sado have warmly welcomed U.S. Army deserter Charles Jenkins since he arrived with his Japanese wife and their two North Korea-born daughters a week ago, his wife said Tuesday

Jenkins moved to Sado to begin a new life in his wife's hometown last week after he finished serving a monthlong sentence in mili tary prison for abandoning his Army post

and defecting to North Korea in 1965. His wife, Hitomi Soga, said Jenkins ventured out Tuesday evening to meet the students at a nearby English language school.

"They welcomed him warmly. He was de-lighted." Soga said. "They welcomed him warmly. He was delighted.

Malaysia floods: Malaysia's worst flooding in recent years has left at least 12 people dead, with cities and villages inundated, power supplies knocked out and livelihoods destroyed in three eastern coastal states, officials said Tuesday.

A total of 15.414 people were evacuated from their homes in Kelantan, Terengganu and Pahang states and housed in relief centers, officials said.

Power supplies went down in towns and villages in all three states as generator substations were shut down after being flooded, said Tenaga Nasional Bhd., the national utili-

Talihan arrests: Information from a man caught in a vehicle loaded with explosives led to the arrests of two senior Taliban military commanders believed responsible for a series of terror attacks in southern Afghanistan, an official said Tuesday.

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Court-martial in Iraqi's drowning: 1st Lt. Jack Saville arrives for a pretrial hearing on Tuesday at Fort Hood, Texas, Saville and Sgt. 1st Class Tracy Perkins, both part of the 4th Infantry Division's 3rd Brigade Combat Team out of Fort Carson, Colo., are accused of ordering soldiers to push two Iragis into the Tigris River in Samarra, Irag. in January as punishment for violating curfew. Zaidoun Hassoun, 19, drowned. Defense lawyers contend that Hassoun safely reached shore and that Army investigators failed to positively identify a body or do an autopsy. Trials for Saville and Perkins are set for next month. They face up to 29 years in prison if convicted on all counts.

tive in the ousted regime's insurgency, and there was hope they could lead security forces to other top leaders, said Abdullah Laghmani, the intelligence chief in Kandahar

Taiwan politics: Taiwanese President Chen Shui-bian took the blame for a legislative election defeat and resigned as the leader of his party Tuesday, a move that might help him be more flexible with rival China and ease gridlock in parliament.

Chen's Democratic Progressive Party and its allies were stunned when an opposition alliance - which was disorganized and beset with squabbling - won last weekend's legislative election, taking 114 of the 225 seats.

States

Washington recount: Through all the counting and recounting in the closest governor's race in state history, Republican Dino Rossi has held the slimmest of margins over Democrat Christine Gregoire.

For the first time since the Nov. 2 election, it looks as though the tide could be turning. King County election officials in the Democratic stronghold of King County announced Monday that they would count more than 500 hallots that were mistakenly rejected after the election - possibly enough to swing the election to Gregoire.

Rossi won the Nov. 2 election by 261 votes, but saw that margin shrink to 42 votes after a machine recount of all 2.9 million hallots cast. As of Monday night, with 24 of the state's 39 counties completing their hand recounts, Rossi had gained 46 votes.

el Jackson case: Claiming they are Micha swamped with potential evidence that prose cutors were slow in handing over. Michael Jackson's defense attorneys next week will ask a judge to postpone the pop star's child-molestation trial, according to court documents.

The trial is scheduled to start Jan. 31 in Santa Barbara, Calif.

Earlier this month, Santa Barbara authorities again searched Jackson's Neverland ranch, securing a saliva sample for DNA testing and examining the pop star's security and telephone systems.

Freighter grounding: U.S. Coast Guard officials said an oil and fuel spill from a freighter that broke in two when it ran aground off Alaska's coast probably amounted to thousands of gallons less than had been feared

The federal government's incident commander, Capt. Ron Morris, said Monday just 41.138 gallons of bunker fuel were inside the tank directly breached when the Malaysian sowhean freighter Selendang Avu split in two Wednesday on an Unalaska Island shoal.

SARS vaccine: The National Institutes of Health is launching a human trial to test the safety of an experimental vaccine against severe acute respiratory syndrome.

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Sasebo Naval Base Navy Exchange General Manager Sandra Franklin, standing at left, and the NEX maintenance department's Frank Thomas, right, discuss some last minute chores Tuesday before the NEX Auto Mini-Mart's grand opening Wednesday after a \$2.1 million building addition and renovation. Crouching at left is Jim Caron, NEX retail operations manager, helping Japanese workers secure a sign.

Sasebo's new \$2.1 million **NEX Auto Mini-Mart opens**

BY GREG TYLER Stars and Strines

SASEBO NAVAL BASE, Japan Navy Exchange officials here say they are happy with results of a \$2.1 million, 3,200-square-foot addition and renovation of the Auto Mini-Mart.

In April, construction began to transform what then was the NEX Auto Port, to almost double in size. The remodeled facility's grand opening ceremony was Wednesday morning

The store combines the base's gas station and car repair servic-es with the Mini-Mart. The Mini-Mart's former location closed Wednesday morning, just after the new Auto Mini-Mart opened for business

'When the ships return from deployment, I think the sailors will be pleasantly surprised, said Sandra Franklin, Sasebo NEX general manager, at the site Tuesday afternoon

"I am really looking forward to presenting this to the Sasebo comerations manager. "Finally, a store that was actually built to be a store

Previously, the Auto Port - on California Drive near India Basin - sold gasoline, kerosene, diesel fuel, small convenience items and sodas. The NEX Car Rental business also operated from that site.

The convenience store and package store functions existed separately, several hundred vards down the same street, facing Juliet Basin.

Now all are in the same facility, although in separate sections.

"This will benefit the sailors most by being much closer to the ships. It also features a much larger selection of items than before and a greater variety in those items. We are very happy about the increased freezer space and walk-in cooler." Franklin said

The freezer section includes items from single servings of ice cream to boxes of Omaha Steaks.

customers to walk inside, where they can select cases of cold beyerages rather than singles or

The Auto Mini-Mart is the exchange's first major investment and construction project at a base in Japan, officials said. In the late 1990s, Japan's government decided it no longer would build facili-

es on U.S. bases for busin The Navy Exchange Service Command is in the midst of a \$15.1 million project to reorganize and enhance how Sasebo hase residents shon

\$13 million. new 58,000-square-foot NEX main store at the site of two demolished warehouses. will join the Mini-Mart. Construction on the new main store is scheduled to begin early in 2005 with completion estimated for October 2007

Sasebo's main base has seven NEX operations; Hario Housing Village, about 10 miles from the main base, has three more

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Cookie Caper set to distribute thousands of cookies to soldiers

BY JENNIFER H. SVAN Stars and Stripes

MISAWA AIR BASE, Japan The Girl Scouts donated 18 dozen. Edgren High School and JROTC dropped off almost 1,000. And volunteer Airman 1st Class Rachel Bateman baked more

than 100. The fellowship room in the base chapel on Tuesday smelled like a grandmoth-

er's kitchen, with trays upon trays homemade cookies and candy spread out on tables It's time for

Misawa's annual Cookie Caper. Organizers estimate they'll have about 7 000 cookies to give away this year to single and unaccompa-

nied personnel. bring a little bit of holiday cheer to people," said vol-Anne unteer Turnbull of the Family Support Center. "Misawa can be kind of a lonely place for

fort to deliver cookie trays to about 1,300 sin-

some people."

gle or unaccompanied servicemembers and civilians — living on or off base — who are spend-ing the holidays away from fami-

This year's sponsors are the Family Support Center, American Red Cross, Misawa Officer's Spouses Club and the Enlisted Community Organization, but those groups rely on base residents to bake cookies. Units and commands provide a

list of their single or unaccompanied members. And the community, Turnbull said, always comes through with plenty of homemade

'We always sweat it a little bit each year," she said Tuesday.
"We put out word yesterday that we needed about 3 000 more cook-

ies. They're rolling in" today. Bateman contributed about nine dozen homemade peanut butter and sugar cookies, even though she, too, is a single airman a long distance from her family in

Baltimore "I didn't get cookies last year, so I at least wanted to make sure that other single airmen get them she said. Bateman had arrived at Misawa only a few weeks before last year's Cookie so her probably name "fell through the

"It's nice," she said of the cookie drive, because the holiday season "can get lonely."

and

Bateman Airman 1st Class Dionne Bal worked about four Tuesday hours setting morning about six cookies and several pieces of candy on each

Styrofoam tray.

Other volunteers

covered the travs with plastic wrap and organized them into brown bags by unit. Turnbull said unit first sergeants collect the bags and deliver them to the dorms barracks or work sites.

In all about 40 volunteers helped assemble cookie packages. Turnbull said. Other base organizations also contributed she said, noting the Defense Commissary Agency provided the cookie trays, refreshments for volunteers and other supplies.

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Airman 1st Class Rachel Cookie Bateman assembles cookie Caper is a mas- trays Tuesday for the annual sive volunteer ef-Cookie Caper at Misawa Air

Pacific troops moving thousands of pounds of relief in Philippines

BY JULIANA GITTLER Stars and Stripes

More than 600 U.S. Marines, sailors and airmen assisting with relief distribution in the stormdevastated Philippines had transported more than 308,000 pounds of supplies between Friday and

Tuesday, Marine officials said. While in the Philippines, Marine helicopter squadrons from Okinawa and Iwakuni Marine Corps Air Station, Japan, load up and deliver supplies throughout

the day from Clark Air Base, north of Manila, and two Philippine air force bases used as makeshift supply depots.

They deliver supplies to four ravaged communities in Luzon.

Thousands of bags of rice, soup and clothing and boxes of water are transported each day, Marine officials said

The Philippine government is supplying the aid material, which is handed out by the Philippine military and Red Cross. But with roads impassable and bridges

washed out the U.S. Marine aircraft and personnel have been essential for ferrying large numbers of supplies quickly, Philippine leaders have said.

Parts of the Philippines south of Manila were devastated after a string of recent storms.

Floods, caused in part by illegal logging in the mountains, caused a rush of water that carried away people and homes and left huge areas cut off and desperate for

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A Philippine man holds his daughter Tuesday as he walks through flooded streets of Infanta, one of the drop-off points for U.S. Marines delivering relief supplies in the Philippines.

Former regime leaders to be tried next week

BY NICK WADHAMS
The Associated Press

BAGHDAD — Trials against the 11 figures in Saddam Hussein's ousted regime will begin next week, interim Prime Minister Ayad Allawi said Tuesday, but Saddam

will not be among them.

Many of Iraq's former Baath Party members have been in jail for more than a year, and few have been able to meet with coun-

Saddam's Jordan-based lawyers say they have not seen the former dictator, arrested a year ago Monday, and said holding trials so soon would be illegal.

"The Iraqi court will be in violation of the basic rights of the defendants, which is to have access to legal counsel while being interrogated and indicted," Ziad

al-Khasawneh said.

Officials had given conflicting accounts about when the trials before the Iraqi Special Tribunal would begin, and have also suggested that Saddam would not be tried

Saddam will not be among those to go on trial

first. The Associated Press learned Tuesday that the proceedings next week would not involve Saddam.

"I can now tell you clearly and precisely that, God willing, next week the trials of the symbols of the former regime will start, one by one so that justice can take its path in Iraq," Allawi told the interim National Council, without saying who would

Allawi had previously said they would take place in October or November, while others have said they would begin no earlier than 2006. An Allawi spokesman later said he had no information about who would be tried first and said more details would be released Wednesday.

"There is a court process that involves investigative judges and a hearing for some of the former regime officials that is under preparation that we would expect to be held next week," State Department spokes-

man Richard Boucher said. "At that point, the accused and their attorneys do go to court, although that's not the actual trial."

Iraq's human rights minister, Bekhtiar Amin, said from Geneva that work was under way to bring some of Saddam's lieutenants to trial before him.

"I don't know for sure when Saddam Hussein in particular will be tried, but the trial is scheduled to start sometime next year, the first quarter of next year," Amin said. "I doubt that Saddam will be the first one to be tried, there are others whom they will start with and the work is ongoing right now."

Allawi also announced the arrest of a cousin of Saddam's, Izzi-Din Mohammed Hassan al-Majid.

Al-Majid, who fled Iraq in 1995 and was granted indefinite leave to remain in Brit-

ain in 2000, was arrested in Falluiah and

will be put on trial as soon as possible, Allawi said. Government leaders have said recently the Special Tribunal is not yet prepared to begin the trials.

They need to train judges and prosecutors, and sort through stacks of evidence, all under the pressure of a deadly insurgen-

cy that has been able to strike at will.

"The prosecution team, the defense counsel, the investigative judges, the documents are not ready," National Security Adviser Mouwafak al-Rubaie told the AP last week. "It will take time. If you want to get

it right, it will take time.

But leaders have come under new pressure recently. On Monday, the U.S. military acknowledged that eight of Saddam's 11 top lieutenants went on hunger strikes over the weekend to demand visits in jail from the International Committee of the Red Cross, but they were eating again by Monday.

A lawyer for former Deputy Prime Minister Tariq Aziz said they were protesting the legality of their trials and their detention.

Insurgents strike Baghdad's Green Zone checkpoint again

Second suicide car bombing in two days kills 7, wounds 13

BY SLOBODAN LEKIC The Associated Press

BAGHDAD — A suicide car bomber killed seven people at a Green Zone checkpoint early Tuesday, the second attack in two days near the same gate into the district that houses Iraq's interim government and the U.S. Embas-

sy, officials said.
In other violence, the U.S. military said two U.S. Marines from the 1st Marine Expeditionary Force based in western Iraq died in combat in Baghdad province of the combat in Baghdad province Marines killed to 10 in three days. Seven other Marines died in action Sunday in Anbar, a vast province west of Baghdad including the battleground cities of Fallujah and Ramadi, and a 10th was

killed Saturday. The military provided no details on their deaths, which brought to nearly 1,300 the number of American troops killed in Iraq since the invasion in March 2003.

Tuesday's blast at the Green Zone checkpoint killed seven people and wounded at least 13 people, said Dr. Hassan AbdelSatar from Baghdad's Yarmouk Hospital. Police Lt. Rafid Abid said the attack was carried out by a suicide car bomber.

A mushroom-shaped cloud of black smoke rose from the site of the attack, which was near where a bomber struck Monday, killing

13 and injuring 15 people.

The location is near the Harthiyah gate on the western edge of the zone, which has been repeatedly targeted by bombings and mortar and missile attacks since it became the headquarters of the occupation authorities in May 2003.

No U.S. troops were injured in either blast.

ither blast. The U.S. Embassy and several other missions are located inside the zone, which occupies an area of four square miles on the west bank of the Tigris River. The area, comprising Saddam's palace and other administrativ-

buildings, is a virtual fortress encircled by miles of 12-foot-high barricades, its gates guarded by U.S. Bradley fighting vehicles. The complex is off-limits to the

Several of Baghdad's main arteries dead-end straight into it, cut off by a triple layered sprawl of concertina wire, impassable concrete blast walls and sandbagged guard towers.





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NASA retires B-52B after nearly 50 years in air

BY LEO SHANE III Stars and Stripes

WASHINGTON - After nearly 50 years of high-speed, high-altitude hauling work, the National Aeronautics and Space Administration's B-52B air-launch "moth-

ership" is finally being grounded. The tremendous aircraft - it has a 185-foot wingspan and once carried a 53,100-pound payload to 50,000 feet - has played a critical role in the development of rocket engines and NASA's space

But Alan Brown, spokesman for NASA's Dryden Flight Research Center in California, said mechanics have been salvaging parts from junked bombers and museums for years to keep the

B-52B aloft, and the center simply does not have the finances or the need to continue those re-

"We really hate to see it retire," he said. "To see that thing still flying was incredible, when you knew it had been flying back in the 1950s. It has bridged so many

eras here The plane's last flight was in No-

vember, when it carried the X-43A experimental scramjet engine on that machine's 7,000 mph. record-setting flight. Other experiments included the X-15 rocket plane, the precursor to NASA's

early manned spacecraft. Built in 1955, the aircraft was the 10th B-52 ever produced, but never dropped a single bomb, Brown said. Air Force officials loaned the plane to NASA in 1959 for space travel research, and will put the machine on permanent display at Edwards Air Force Base, Calif., following Friday's handover.

The silver ship has seen more than 20 pilots over the last half-century but has been flown less than 2.500 hours, the least of any of the B-52s, Brown said

NASA does have a modified B-52H that can conduct some air launch experiments in the future, but Brown said those will be few and far between. The newer aircraft doesn't have the strength or other payload modifications of the B-52B, and less expensive computer programs and smaller models will provide most of the data for future scientific research.

What those new devices won't have, Brown said, is the impressive history of the B-52B.

"It has been so identified with us for so many years," he said. "It really is an amazing, historic air-craft."

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The X-38 research vehicle drops away from NASA's B-52B mothership after it's released from the B-52's wing pylon in July 1999. After nearly 50 years of service with NASA, the B-52 is being retiredand will be put on display at Edwards Air Force Base, Calif. The markings under the wing of the B-52B are a history of all the vehicles the plane has launched.

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Malaria season drawing to a close in Iraq

By RON JENSEN Stars and Stripes

BALAD AIR BASE, Iraq - Troops are now weaning themselves from the malaria medicine they've been taking throughout the spring and summer as doctors mark

the end to malaria season. "The malaria parasite has to have a certain temperature to grow in the mosquito's gut," said Air Force Capt. Tyler Watson, chief of public health for the 332nd Expeditionary Aeromedical Squadron at Balad.

As temperatures have cooled into the 30s at night sometimes, with daily highs often no greater than the 60s, the Anopheles mosquito and its hitchhiking parasite have taken a holiday, Watson said. The malaria season will begin again when temperatures warm up in April.

Watson said the season ended Nov. 30, but airmen will keep taking chloroquine weekly until the end of December. In January, they will begin daily doses of primagnine for two weeks

The first medicine cleans the parasite from the blood; the second removes it from

For the Army, malaria season ended on Nov. 5, said Sgt. Carlton Overton, immunization noncommissioned officer in charge at the Troop Medical Clinic at Logistics Support Area Anaconda, which is connect-

ed to the air base "Climate will determine when the season ends," he said, and the Army determined it was cool enough by early November to quash the malaria threat.

Soldiers have already stopped taking chloroquine and are now taking primaquine

Overton said the Army is also testing soldiers for the enzyme known as Glucose 6 Phosphate Dehydrogenase, or G6PD. If a person's G6PD enzyme is normal, they will take primaquine. If not, they will be given doxycycline, a one-a-day pill like primaquine.

The Air Force does similar screening when members enter the service.

Dr. (Lt. Col.) Paul Friedrichs, commander of the 332nd EAS, said it is not a lack of understanding that prevents Iraq from stamping out the problem.

"The doctors I've met from Iraq are well-trained. They know what they need to do," he said. But they lack the medicines to prevent the disease and the resources to

stamp it out at the source.

"That's the reason malaria is not eradi-cated [in Iraq]," he said.

The military preventive health experts identified and sprayed mosquito-breeding grounds in Iraq. Bed netting and repellent was provided troops. Uniforms were treated with permethrin to keep the critters at

Neither the Army nor Air Force has reported any U.S. cases of malaria in Iraq. Watson said the hospital has done some blood tests to rule out malaria for a couple of sick airmen



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Guarding the most dangerous highway in Iraq

Soldiers adapt methods to keep up with insurgents' tactics near Baghdad airport

BY JOSH WHITE The Washington Pos

ON THE BAGHDAD AIRPORT ROAD Spc. Edward Gonzalez spun the turret around quickly and locked it into place with a loud clank, training his machine gun on the traffic behind him. The radio had just crackled with a warning: A suspicious vehicle was moving in close on the Army convoy

"What kind of car was it, again?" Gonza-lez, 28, of Alice, Texas, belted out, ducking his head momentarily into the rolling ar mored Humvee, which has "Big Country" emblazoned on the windshield. First Lt. Jeffrey Porter, 25, of Tomahawk, Ky., dropped the radio and turned to his left, calmly describing a white 1995 Volk swagen Brasilia and telling his gunner he had been warned that the car might be rigged with explosives.

Some people call this road, the only way from the airport to Baghdad's Green Zone, the most dangerous highway in Iraq. Late ly, it has become a magnet for enormous, fiery explosions. People boast that they've traveled it and are relieved when they make it from one end to the other. To the Army, it's just Route Irish

"There he is, there he is," Gonzalez said. "He's coming up on the right side. He's ahead of the rest of the traffic. OK. He's pulling off at the exit. There he goes

Every minute on this roadway is tense From the beginning of November through last week, there were nearly 20 car bombings here targeting U.S. convoys and government officials, leading the U.S. Embas-sy to warn its staff not to travel the road.

Army officers and soldiers with the 4th Battalion, 5th Air Defense Artillery Regiment are charged with protecting Route Irish, and they say the road isn't nearly as bad as it is portrayed. They acknowledge that the attacks have created a significant perception problem, scaring people away from the route and causing the U.S. military to increase its number of natrols.

The 2nd Brigade of the Army's 10th Mountain Division is planning to bring in another battalion of soldiers from the United States specifically to boost the military presence on the airport road. The plans are being developed, officials said without providing specifics, but a few hundred more soldiers will probably be added soon.

Mai. James Fischer, the acting commander of the unit, said he believed the November car bomb attacks were part of a campaign of intimidation by insurgents. Several people were killed in the attacks, but most of the casualties were bombers.

"In the big scheme of war, it's nothing Fischer, 39, of Jefferson, Wis., said of the attacks. "It's not as bad as it looks."

While every death is a tragedy, he said, new procedures on the road have for the most part prevented additional casualties. The Army previously sent regular con-voys to patrol the road; now soldiers are



close to Baghdad's dangerous airport highway.

armed to the teeth and bring along tank-tracked Bradley Fighting Vehicles The Bradleys are equipped with magnifica-tion tools that allow soldiers to peer into and under cars from a safe distance to determine whether they are a threat.

The car bombs, however, are a different story. There is almost nothing the military can do to stop suicide bombers, short of identifying them early, forcing the vehicles off the road or attacking them. The soldiers use profiles - including certain makes and models of cars and nervous or erratic behavior - to intervene as early as possible. They fire warning shots before putting bullets through a car's engine block. As a last resort, they will kill a driver

The explosions from the suicide mis-

sions leave blackened divots in the asphalt, and their sharp blasts rattle the windows and doors in nearby camps Liberty and Victory, where soldiers live.

Gonzalez and Porter, members of Assault Battery with the unit, speak softly when they mention their experience with a car bomb on Nov. 6, an attack that killed an American gunner in a Humvee directly behind theirs.

"As soon as I saw him, I knew it," Gonzalez said. "He was nervous. He swerved to the far right lane, and by the time he got to the convoy. I shot.

Gonzalez hit the driver in the chest with one round from his M4 rifle.

"I got two kids at home." Gonzalez said.

"For a few days, I was worried about all of this. But it kind of fades with time

Two days in August haunt Company

The Washington Post

BAGHDAD - Members of the U.S. Army's 41st Regiment uncovered an AK-47 during a routine search in the dangerous Baghdad slum of Sadr City on Aug. 31. Finding a weapon was not unusual, but Sgt. Michael P. Williams, 25, said he felt danger when he saw a smirking Iraqi man in the house where the gun was found, according to the testimony of fellow soldiers.

"I feel threatened." Williams declared. the soldiers recalled

The "Iraqi went for his weapon."

Moments later, Williams shot the Iraqi
man with two bullets to his head and chest, according to testimony

last Friday at a military hearing, known as an Article 32 proceed-ing, intended to decide whether Williams would face court-martial in the killing. Other members of Company C, 1st Battalion, 41st Regiment, said the Iraqi did not have a weapon.

Williams' hearing, in a crowd ed meeting room on a military base in Baghdad, focused on one of a number of murder cases involving U.S. forces. Such hearings shed light on the conduct and leadership of American troops, as well as the rules of engagement they are supposed to abide by in Iraq, where armed conflict has gone on longer and in more treach erous settings than Pentagon planners initially anticipated.

On Friday, one member of Williams' unit, Staff Sgt. Johnny M. Horne Jr., sat weeping in an improvised courtroom not far from the Williams hearing. He pleaded guilty and later was sentenced to three years in prison for shooting a gravely wounded teenager on Aug. 18

Two other members of Company C face murder charges arising from incidents in

Unit members accused of killing several Iraqis

the warren of narrow lanes and squalid homes of Sadr City. In addition, at the regiment's headquarters in Fort Riley, Kan., two members of the 41st face charges of first-degree murder in the killings of two fellow soldiers

Analysts say such cases raise important questions.

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> **Gary Solis** West Point teacher

said Gary Solis, a former Marine officer who teaches the law of war at West Point. The charges against Company C involved actions taken during two days in August at a particularly dangerous time for

Three U.S. battalions spent most of the month retaking the holy city of Najaf. about 90 miles south of Baghdad, from the Mahdi Army militia of a Shiite cleric, Mu-qtada Sadr. In eastern Baghdad, other U.S. forces were grinding down the militia in its urban base, exchanging fire in Sadr City each night.

Most of the victims in Sadr City are nameless, identified in court papers and testimony as "Iraqi nationals." Qasim Hassan, the only individual named in testimony, was identified by a newspaper investi-

Hassan was riding in the back of a gar bage truck that was mistakenly identified as an insurgent vehicle. It was ripped to bits by two Company C units. After the incident, it was determined that the truck was

operated by a businessman and was as-signed to clean the street. Still unidentified are three other victims: an Iraqi man cut down near the garbage truck while waving what appeared to be a white flag; the man Williams allegedly shot at point-blank range; and another unarmed man allegedly killed by a soldier who asked Williams, "Can I shoot this

> Other charges grew out of shootings on Aug. 31, as Williams' squad was conducting routine searches of houses elsewhere in Sadr City. Under a law in effect since the

U.S. occupation began, each Iraqi household is permitted one weap on. But in answer to questions by prosecutors, Spec. Tulafono Young testified that Williams spoke of plans to kill any Iraqi found with a eapon. A prosecutor said Will-

iams had spoken of killing any Iraqi males of military age. Williams, who could face the death penalty if the case proceeds to court-martial, has not testified.

The shootings in Sadr City emerged when squad member Pfc. Gary Romriell, after a "crisis of conscience," slipped a note under the door of a commanding officer warning that "soldiers had committed serious crimes that needed to be looked

An Army investigator described Romriell as the black sheep of his squad in part because he opposed the war in Iraq. The private has since been transferred to another unit for his safety.

Young testified that Williams had said, "The first chance he gets, 'I'm going to kill

Report: Army reprimanded officer after Afghan death

BY R. JEFFREY SMITH

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON - The Army's Special Operations Command issued an administrative reprimand this year against one of four U.S. military officers in Afghanistan alleged in an Army document to have murdered a local man they believed was following their movements, according to Army officials and a newly disclosed internal document.

The case, which an Army document last June said involved alleged "murder, conspiracy, (and) obstruction of justice," was opened on Sept. 26, 2002, and closed on March 23 of this year. The document was obtained by the American Civil Liberties Union in a recent Freedom of Information Act lawsuit and released by the group last week.

The reprimand came in what defense officials said Monday was one of at least eight deaths of Afghans in U.S. military custody since U.S. troops first occupied the country in October 2001 — a higher number than previously disclosed. Two U.S. servicemembers have so far been charged with crimes related to two of the other deaths; the Army has already said charges may be brought against 28 people implicated in one of these deaths.

Lt. Col. Pamela Hart, an Army spokeswoman, said Monday that Army records showed the September 2002 death involved an Afghan known as "M. Sayari," but that she had no other infor-mation about what happened.

IN THE WORLD

Palestinian leader calls for end to violence

BY RAVI NESSMAN The Associated Press

JERUSALEM - Mahmoud Abhas the Palestinian leader campaigning to succeed Yasser Arafat in elections next month, said in an interview Tuesday that the 4-year-old armed unrising against Israel was a mistake and must end.

His strong statement, which could cost him some electoral support, sent a challenge to militants who have been waging war with suicide attacks and ambushes and set the stage for a resumption of peace efforts if he wins.

In an interview with the London-based Arabic newspaper Asharq al-Awsat pubshould continue resisting Israeli occupation, but only through nonviolent means.

"The uprising is a legitimate right of the people to express their rejection of the occupation by popular and social means," Abbas said. "Using the weapons was harmful and has got to stop.

While Arafat was still alive, Abbas mainly saved his criticism of the armed uprising for private conversations. When he publicly expressed his belief during the launch of the U.S.-backed "road map" peace plan in 2003, he drew sharp condemnation.

But uprising leader Marwan Barghouti's withdrawal from the Jan. 9 elections to re-

front-runner, giving him more leeway to take risks and alienate some potential voters in exchange for laying the groundwork

for rapid postelection peace moves.

And many Palestinians — while supporting militant attacks that have killed more than 1,000 Israelis, many of them civilians
— have tired of a conflict that has crushed their economy and killed more than 3,000 of their people.

Abbas, a pragmatist who has the quiet support of Israel and the international community, has been working to persuade militant groups to halt attacks.

In response to Abbas' statement, the White House said it welcomed moves aimed at fighting terror.

a strategy that will put in place the institutions necessary for a viable (Palestinian) state to emerge." White House spokesman Scott McClellan said.

"But fighting terrorism and putting in a unified security force are key to those ef-

Israel has said violence must end before peace talks can resume and has held out the prospect of coordinating its planned withdrawal from Gaza and four West Bank settlements with the new Palestinian leadership if it quells violence

Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon refused to negotiate with Arafat, accusing him of fomenting violence.

U.N. troops storm Haiti stronghold

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti -Hundreds of U.N. peacekeeping troops stormed into a stronghold of ousted President Jean-Bertrand Aristide on Tuesday in an attempt to control areas that have been flashpoints of violence. At least three people were shot.

Sporadic gunfire rang out from the Cite Soleil slum as Brazilian and Jordanian troops entered the area in armored personnel carriers, exchanging fire with armed residents.

Three people with gunshot wounds were carried through a U.N. roadblock. Residents told U.N. officials they had been shot by armed thugs

Cite Soleil, a gritty slum outside Port-au-Prince, has been a focal point of violence since September, when Aristide loyalists stepped up protests to demand his return from exile in South Africa. More than 100 people have been killed in political violence since Sept. 30.

Aristide fled the country Feb. 29 after a three-week rebellion.

U.N. officials said they planned to patrol the area for at least two months until they can transfer operations to Haiti's beleaguered po-

Deadly train collision in India



nnel and volunteers assist in rescue operations Tuesday near damaged cars of a passenger train in Khanpur, India, about 180 miles northwest of New Delhi, India. An express train crashed head-on into a local train, officials said. At least 31 people were killed.

Pinochet appeals ruling

SANTIAGO, Chile - Lawyers for Gen. Augusto Pinochet ap-pealed a judge's decision to place the former Chilean dictator under house arrest, winning him at least another day of freedom.

Judge Juan Guzman ordered Pinochet, 89, confined to his home after indicting him Monday in the kidnapping of nine dissidents and the death of one of them during

his 17-year military regime.

It is the third attempt to try him for alleged abuses during his rule in the South American country. The ruling reversed earlier court decisions to exempt Pinochet

from trial on health grounds.

"Gen. Pinochet has been declared mentally competent to face a criminal trial in Chile,"

Guzman said. He said he reached that decision after questioning the former president and examining reports

from court-appointed doctors. Guzman said he also was influ-enced by an interview Pinochet gave to a Spanish-language TV

station in Miami last year. Pinochet told the station he sees

himself as "a good angel," and blamed abuses on subordinates in his regime Guzman said Pinochet appeared mentally alert.

American diplomacy with N. Korea coming up short

BY BARRY SCHWEID The Associated Press

WASHINGTON - Bush administration persistence in using diplomacy to solve a nuclear weapons crisis with North Korea is coming up short as the insular regime bobs and weaves away from resuming negotia-

The faltering effort is having a divisive effect on U.S. relations with South Korea and Japan, which have blamed U.S. inflexibility for North Korea's refusal to halt its atomic weapons program.

American diplomats are trying to

smooth over those differences, while looking to China to make the case to Pyongthe Korean peninsula in exchange for security assurances and economic benefits Rose Gotemoeller, an analyst at the Carn

egie Endowment for International Peace, tends to agree with the criticism from South Korea and Japan

"The way in which the administration has relied on diplomacy is to take a very hard line and stick with it, and not be willing to explore possible avenues of resolution." the former Clinton administration official said Monday

"That's not diplomacy, that's standing tough," she said.

of security assurances and economic cooperation in exchange for a total halt to the nuclear weapons program was a "decent

starting point," she said, and should now be improved. But Danielle Pletka vice president for defense policy at the

American Enterprise Institute, said the impasse is not the fault of the Bush administration

North Korean dictator Kim Jong II is not going to agree to complete, verifiable dismantling of his nuclear weapons program and will not negotiate "unless we take steps to prop up his regime, which is anath-

The answer, she said, is to convince China that "playing both sides is not in their interest.

Negotiations were supposed to have resumed in September, but not even low-level talks are anticipated as the year runs out on what appears to be one of the

biggest security issues confronting the Bush administration. The most recent reason North Korea

gives for not resuming negotiations with the United States, China, Japan, South Korea and Russia is that the Rush administration is trying to topple Kim Jong II and his government with a "frantic smear cam-

imited to stock on hand. While supplies last!



N. Korea: Japan doctored

BY AUDREY MCAVOY The Associated Press

TOKYO - North Korea on Tuesday accused Japan of doctoring the DNA analysis it conducted on remains allegedly belonging to a Japanese girl kidnapped communist spies decades ago, denving Tokyo's claims the remains belonged to someone else.

Japan said last week that tests on remains Pyongyang claimed belonged to Megumi Yokota, who was 13 years old when she was abducted in 1977, showed that they were actually those of two other

A man claiming to be Vokota's widower handed the remains to Japanese officials who were in Pvongyang last month to prod the North to come clean about its abductions of Japanese in the 1970s and 1980s

A spokesman for North Korea's Foreign Ministry on Tuesday accused Japan of falsifying the DNA analysis, saying the work "was based on a political script."

'It is unimaginable that Megu mi Yokota's husband would h over to Japan the remains of a stranger and not his wife," the unidentified spokesman said in a statement carried on state-run Korean Central Broadcast that was monitored in Tokyo by Radio-

"If he did as Japan said and handed over the remains of a stranger, what do you suppose he expected to achieve by doing so?"

The remarks were the first official reaction from the reclusive ommunist state since Japan officials said last Wednesday the remains were not Yokota's.

The announcement outraged Japanese voters, fueling calls for Tokyo to impose economic sanctions on the North. North Korean leader Kim Jong

Il admitted in 2002 that his country kidnapped 13 Japanese to train its spies in Japanese lan-guage and culture.

The North allowed five of the victims to return home but said the eight others had died. Japan suspects they may still be living in the isolated state.

On Friday, a group of Japanese ruling party lawmakers and a lower house committee passed senarate resolutions calling for a freeze in humanitarian aid to the impoverished state and a threat of economic sanctions if progress is not made.

A survey released Tuesday by Japan's largest newspaper, the Yomiuri, showed 74 percent of 1,817 voters interviewed over the weekend said Japan should slap economic sanctions on North Korea, compared with 19 percent opposed.

Prime Minister Junichiro Koizumi has so far resisted imposing nenalties, arguing that they would block further progress on the kidnapping cases and complicate international talks on Pvongyang's nuclear weapons pro-



Iran's chief nuclear negotiator Hassan Rohani, second left, meets with, from far right, German Foreign Minister Joschka Fischer, British Foreign Secretary Jack Straw, French Foreign Minister Michel Barnier and EU foreign policy chief Javier Solana in Brussels on Monday.

Iran is willing to negotiate nuclear program with U.S.

BY ALI AKBAR DAREINI

The Associated Press

TEHRAN, Iran - Iran is willing to talk with the United States about a nuclear program that Washington alleges is aimed at secretly acquiring the bomb, Foreign Minister Kamal Kharrazi said Monday.

Germany, Britain and France launched new negotiations with Iran on Monday to try to persuade Tehran to abandon any nuclear program that could be used for weapons, in return for aid to build up its civilian energy program.

Kharrazi told a news conference that talks with Washington could also be possible. The United States broke diplomatic relations with Iran after militant stu-dents seized the U.S. Embassy in

"If negotiations are on the basis of equality and mutual respect in the same way we are talking to Europeans now, there is no reason not to talk to others," Kharrazi said when asked whether Tehran also was willing to talk to the United States about its nuclear program

Iran's reformers support dialogue with Washington but hard-liners are opposed to any rapprochement, arguing that the only U.S. goal is to bring about the collapse of the ruling Islamic establishment.

Some Europeans have hoped America's possible engagement in talks with Iran would increase pressure on Tehran to permanently abandon any weapons program and reassure its rulers that Washington was not seeking their over-

Kharrazi, addressing the news conference with his South Afrisess the talks with European countries within three months if new negotiations do not meet Iran's demand to use its nuclear program

for domestic energy purposes.
"If we see that talks are waste of time and have no results, definitely we will make our own deci-" he said

Kharrazi described the talks as "very serious" and dismissed allegations that Tehran was stalling, insisting that Iran had "no interest in wasting time

Iran agreed to a temporary deal with the Europeans last month to suspend uranium enrichment but has insisted that the freeze is voluntary and short.

Zuma, whose country is an influential member of the International Atomic Energy Agency, the U.N. nuclear watchdog, said South Africa defends "Iran's right for peaceful use of nuclear technology," but was opposed to a

ElBaradei: Arabs must rid region of WMDS

By RAWYA RAGEH The Associated Press

DUBAI, United Arab Emirates The Arab-Israeli conflict has kent Arabs from addressing other security concerns, including the need to rid

the region of weapons of mass destruction the head of the watchdog said Mon-

day. Mohamed ElBaradei. head of the U.N. Interna-



tional Atom ic Energy Agency, told a forum of international leaders that the Middle East must free itself of all weapons of mass destruction.

"We only focus on land for peace, we never really look at security," ElBaradei said. "Clearly we need to have a nuclear weapon free zone, clearly we have to rid ourselves of chemical and biological weapons and that has to be, again, part of the security dialogue that should to be parallel to

the peace process."

Israel refuses to either confirm or deny it has nuclear weapons.

Meanwhile, the United States and others accuse non-Arab Iran of secretly pursuing nuclear weapons, a charge Iran denies. The IAEA recently authorized El-Baradei to monitor Iran's commitment to freeze uranium enrichment, which can produce either low-grade fuel for nuclear reactors or the raw material for atomic weapons. At the conference at which El-

Baradei spoke, retired U.S. Army Gen. Wesley Clark, the former NATO supreme allied commander and Democratic presidential candidate, called on Arab countries to curb Iran's nuclear ambi-



Pentagon announces mid-'05 rotations for war

BY PATRICK DICKSON Stars and Strines

WASHINGTON — The Pentagon has decided on its troop rotation plans for mid-2005, which will keep force levels at the same strength for operations in Iraq and Afghanistan.

There are roughly 138,000 troops in Iraq and 18,000 in Afghanistan; another 12,000 are being sent to Iraq to provide security for elections.

Defense Department spokesman Lawrence Di Rita, speaking at a Tuesday Pentagon briefing, said the moves were part of the regular rotations, and would not significantly change the look of the force in either Iraq or Afghanistan

The deployment would keep force levels at three brigades and a division headquarters element in Afghanistan, and 17 brigades and three division headquarters elements in Iraq.

For Operation Enduring Freedom in Afghanistan, the troops set to rotate in include

■ The 3rd and 4th Brigades and headquarters ele-

ments, 10th Mountain Division, Fort Drum, N.Y.

The 53rd Infantry Brigade and headquarters ele-

ments, Florida National Guard For Operation Iraqi Freedom, the following units have been tapped to rotate in:

■ 4th Infantry Division — division headquarters and four brigades

■ 101st Airhorne Division Air Assault headquarters elements and four brigades, Fort Campbell, Ky. ■ 48th Infantry Brigade (Separate), Georgia Nation-

al Guard ■ 172nd Stryker Brigade Combat Team, Fort Wainwright, Alaska

■ 1st Brigade, 10th Mountain Division, Fort Drum, N.Y.

■ 1st Brigade, 1st Infantry Division, Fort Riley, Kan

The Pentagon alerted all units Friday, according to a senior Pentagon official.

Smaller units also will be deployed, but planners had not gotten to that level of detail as of Tuesday, ac-

cording to the official Army Brig. Gen. David Rodriguez, deputy regional operations director for the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, said it would be two to three months be-

fore the combat support elements would be identified Asked whether the continued insurgency was the motivation behind the announcement, Di Rita would only say the Defense Department would continue to evaluate the situation to determine whether more or

fewer troops will be needed in the years to come Speaking in Baghdad on Tuesday, Air Force Gen. Richard Myers, the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, said U.S. troop numbers will rise from 138,000 to 150,000 before next month's elections, which many Iraqis fear could be targeted by militants opposed to the occupation and bent on derailing the political pro-

"Our troop levels will be at 150,000 for the elections and a little bit after," Myers said, adding that events would determine whether those numbers will be scaled down after the ballot.

The previous high for the U.S. force in Iraq was 148,000 on May 1, 2003, when President Bush declared that major combat operations were over, and most soldiers thought the war had been won. The initial invasion force included thousands of sailors on ships in the Persian Gulf and other waters, plus tens of thousands of troops in Kuwait and other surrounding countries

The units identified for Iraq represent some 70,000 soldiers, an Army official confirmed Tuesday.

That leaves the number of units yet to be be anounced for Iraq is about "four brigade equivalents," or roughly 20,000 soldiers, short of the approximately 100.000 troops which the Army is now contributing to Iraq, an Army official said (the precise numbers fluctuate as troops come and go).

Meanwhile, there are now 32,000 Marines deployed

The Marines definitely are planning to participate in the Iraq rotation, as well, according to Marine Corps spokesman Capt. Dan McSweeney. "We'll be participating, but the units have not yet

been identified," McSweeney said in a Tuesday tele phone interview

Sen. McCain slams Rumsfeld on Iraq

BY BETH DEFALCO The Associated Press

PHOENIX - U.S. Sen. John McCain said Monday that he has "no confidence" in Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld, citing Rumsfeld's handling of the war in Iraq and the failure to send more troops.

McCain, speaking to The Asso ciated Press in an hourlong interview, said his comments were not a call for Rumsfeld's resignation. explaining that President Bush "can have the team that he wants around him.

Asked about his confidence in secretary's leadership, McCain recalled fielding a similar question a couple weeks ago.

"I said no. My answer is still o. No confidence," McCain said

He estimated an additional 80,000 Army personnel and 20,000 to 30,000 more Marines would be needed to secure Iraq.

"I have strenuously argued for larger troop numbers in Iraq, including the right kind of troops - linguists, special forces, civil affairs, etc.," said

McCain, R-Ariz. "There are very strong differences of opinion between myself and Secre-tary Rumsfeld on that issue."

When asked if Rumsfeld was a liability to the Bush adminis-tration, McCain responded: The president can decide that,

McCain, a decorated Navy veteran and former Vietnam prisoner of war, is a senior member of the Senate Armed Services Committee, which has oversight of military operations and consid-erable influence over the Pentagon budget.

If Senate Republicans maintain their majority two years from now, McCain would be in line to become the committee's chairman, something he said he'd weigh when considering whether to run for president

"In a couple of years I might give it some consideration, but not right now." he said of a 2008 presidential bid.

Pentagon spokesman Larry Di Rita said McCain "has frequently expressed his views re garding troop levels in Iraq, and he is an important member" of the committee.



WASHINGTON - The Army National Guard said Monday it had given USA Today an inaccurate count of Guard troops in Iraq since the beginning of the war in March 2003, but still could not provide a precise count, the paper reported Tuesday.

USA Today used those numbers to construct an analysis that showed part-time troops from the Guard were more likely to die in Iraq than their counterparts in the active-duty Army.

Without precise figures, there is no way to accurately compare death rates.

The Guard said last week that 37,000 Guard troops had set foot in Iraq since the start of the war. On Monday, Guard spokesman Scott Woodham said 90,972 Guard troops had been ordered to Iraq, but he could not say how many had actually got-

ten there, and how many were on their

Woodham gave two explanations for the error. In a telephone interview with USA Today on Monday, Woodham said the Na tional Guard Bureau made "an internal mistake" in compiling the numbers.

In a second conversation, Woodham said he "misunderstood the question" when asked how many Army Guard troops had deployed to Iraq since the beginning of the war, USA Today reported.

The proportion of battle deaths for Army Guard and Reserve in Iraq are still significantly higher than in past conflicts, Woodham said. Throughout the 12-year Vietnam War, for example, fewer than 100 Guard troops were killed, compared with the 145 who have died in less than two



CIA Director George Tenet, who left the agency in July after seven years at its helm; retired Gen. Tommy Franks, who oversaw combat in Iraq and Afghanistan; and former Iraq administrator L. Paul Bremer on Tuesday at the White House. Bush said each of the men had played "pivotal roles in great events."

Three of Bush's key players in Iraq receive Medal of Freedom

years in Iraq.

BY JENNIFER LOVEN The Associated Press

WASHINGTON - President Bush awarded the nation's highest civilian honor Tuesday to three men central to his Iraq policy, saying they had played "pivotal roles in great events.

Bush presented the Presidential Medal of Freedom to retired Gen. Tommy Franks, who oversaw combat in Afghanistan and the initial invasion of Iraq, former CIA Director George Tenet and former Iraq administrator L. Paul Bremer.

Franks of Midland Texas is a retired four-star Army general who commanded U.S. forces in Afghanistan and Iraq. He didn't decide until last summer to endorse Bush's re-election, but then spoke on the president's behalf at the Republican National Convention and campaigned for Bush through the fall.

Bush said Franks "led the forces that fought and won two wars in the defense of the world's security and helped liberate more than 50 million people from two of the worst tyrannies in the world.

Tenet left the CIA in July after seven years as director. He has been criticized for intelligence failures before the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks and the never-proven prewar allegations that Iraq had weapons of mass destruction

Bush credited him as "one of the first to recognize and address the threat to America from radical networks." He said that after Sept. 11, Tenet was "ready with a plan to strike back at al-Qaida and to topple the Taliban."

Bremer was the top civilian U.S. official in postwar Iraq, overseeing the transfer of power to an interim Iraqi govern-ment in June. "For 14 months Jerry Bremer worked day and night in difficult and dangerous conditions to stabilize the country, to help its people rebuild and to establish a political process that would lead to justice and liberty," Bush said.

This fall, Bremer suggested the United States had paid a price in Iraq in the immediate aftermath of major combat operations because it did not have enough troops in place to stop the looting. Those remarks gave Rush critics am-

munition for their claims that the administration's postwar planning was inade-

Bremer tried to calm that controversy by saying he had constantly supported the president's strategy in Iraq.

The Medal of Freedom, established by President Truman in 1945 to recognize civilians for their efforts during World War II was reinstated by President Kennedy in 1963 to honor distinguished



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LAX taking steps to prevent terror attacks

BY GREG KRIKORIAN Los Angeles Times

LOS ANGELES - Counterterrorism officials, prompted by a series of overseas attacks against commercial airliners, have quietly taken steps to protect jetliners at Los Angeles International Airport from terrorists armed with shoulder-launched missiles.

telligence indicating that terrorists have planned such an attack at

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table weapons are easy to buy on the international arms market and are deadly, with infrared guidance systems that lock onto the heat emitted by jetliners' engines.

The security measures, instituted over the past year, include increased police patrols around the airport, new perimeter fencing, stepped-up training to help personduring terrorism alerts so a mis-

A Rand Corp. report commissioned by airport authorities said earlier this year that LAX is "a particularly attractive target" for terrorists and outlined ways of reducing the risk of attacks involving man-portable air defense systems.

"I think the threat has been continually underestimated by the decision makers in Washington

Terrorists have never fired a shoulder-launched missile at an airplane in the United States. But the small missiles, weighing less than 40 pounds, have been used to shoot down two dozen commercial aircraft around the world over the past three decades and could be smuggled into the United States. A successful attack could around the

ment's counterterrorism chief said in an interview after appearing at counterterrorism last month at the University of Southern California "With about 20.000 of these available on the black market, for \$2,000 to \$3,000 each, there is no indication it will

not be tried again." At the federal level, Boxer's most far-reaching solution calls for retrofitting the nation's commercial airliners with onboard la-

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An unidentified baby is fed at a home for HIV/AIDS patients on World AIDS Day in Soweth, South Airford, in December 1998. Weeks before President Bush announced a plan in June 2002 to protect African babies from AIDS, top U.S. health office list were warned that research on a key drug, nevirapine, was flawed and may have underreported severe reactions including deaths, government focuments show.

Documents: NIH hid AIDS drug problems

Bush was unaware of nevirapine concerns when he announced plan for African babies

BY JOHN SOLOMON

WASHINGTON — The government's research on using an AIDS drug to protect African babies was so flawed that health officials had to use blood tests after the fact to confirm patients got the medicine. Ultimately, they had to acknowledge the study broke federal patient protection rules.

But the National Institutes of Health never told the White House about problems it found in 2002 with its research on the drug nevirapine before President Bush unveiled a \$500 million plan to distribute the medicine across Africa, documents obtained by The Associated Press show.

Instead, officials inside the government's premier health research agency scrambled to keep its safety experts' concerns from scuttling the use of nevirapine in Africa as a cheap solution to stopping babies from getting AIDS from infected mothers, the memos show.

"Everyone recognized the enormity that this decision could have on the worldwide use of nevirapine to interrupt mother-baby transmission," NIH's AIDS research chief, Dr. Edmund C. Traenont, reported March 14, 2002, to his boss, Anthony Fauci, director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseaser.

Since then, hundreds of thousand of doses of the drug have been administered to African mothers and babies under the Bush plan.

Up to half those babies may have been stopped from getting AIDS, officials said. But now concerns are emerging about whether patients who received those single doses have developed resistance to further AIDS treatment. The documents show Tramont and other NIH officials dismissed the problems with the nevirapine research in Uganda as overblown and were slow to report safety concerns to the Food and Drug Administration.

A professional auditor hired by NIH who first helped disclose the problems said in an interview that most of the problems were fixable but NIH officials were in a rush to declare that things were OK

"It seemed to me we were drawing conclusions too quickly across the board, especially the implementation of nevirapine in South Africa," auditor Michael Hensley told AP

Ultimately, NIH did stop the Uganda research for 15 months — from the spring of 2002 to the summer of 2003 — to review the science and take corrective ac-

NIH officials told AP they remain confident after re-reviewing the Uganda study and other research that nevirapine can be used safely in single doses by African mothers and children to preyent HIV transmission during

But they acknowledged their Uganda research failed to meet required U.S. standards and have asked the National Academy of Sciences to investigate.

"I would say there are many lessons that we have learned from this review that will help us do our clinical research, both domestically and internationally, much better," said Dr. H. Clifford Lane, NIH's No. 2 infectious disease official

The White House said it remains confident in Bush's \$500 million plan in 2002 to send nevirapine to Africa, a continent that accounts for more than two-thirds of the world's AIDS cases, with 27 million people infected.

Jurors: Lack of remorse sealed Peterson's fate

BY BRIAN SKOLOFF
The Associated Press

REDWOOD CITY, Calif. — Upon learning of his death sentence, Scott Peterson — convicted of murdering his prepanat wife — sat defiantly still and tight-jawed, the same vacant expression he wore throughout the trial. It was that apparent lack of emotion that may have doomed him.

The jury had been told that Peterson did not wear his emotions on his sleeve. But juror Richelle Nice told ABC's "Good Morning America" on Tuesday that she noticed Peterson becoming emotional during the penalty phase of his trial.

"Is it just that he doesn't show emotion for Laci and Conner?" she asked. She said her thoughts were with Laci Peterson and the fetus she carried, which the couple had planned to name Conner.

"They can rest in peace," she said. "Justice was

done."

A cheer went up outside the courthouse Monday as the jury announced its decision after 11½ hours of deliberations over three days. Judge Alfred A. Delucchi will formally sentence Peterson on Feb. 25. The judge can reduce the sentence to life in prison, but it would be unlikely.

Inside, Laci Peterson's mother, Sharon Rocha, cried quietly after the verdict was read. Scott Peterson's mother, Jackie, showed no apparent emotion.

Three jurors said at a news conference afterward that they couldn't let go of the fact that the bodies of Laci Peterson and her fetus had washed ashore a few miles from where Scott Peterson claimed he went fishing the day she disappeared.

Juror Greg Beratlis said the jury was convinced of Peterson's guilt by "many, many things," but added: "Those bodies were found in the same place. That played in my mind, over and over."

Most unsettling, the jurors seemed to agree, was Peterson's dispassionate demeanor.



Members of the jury, left to right, Gregory Beratlis, Steve Cardosi and Richelle Nice, speak with the media in the Old San Mateo County Courthouse in Redwood City, Calif., on Monday. The jury returned with a sentence recommendation of death in the penalty phase of the Scott Peterson murder trial.

"He has no remorse," juror Michael Belmessieri said Tuesday on CBS' "The Early Show."

"He lost his wife and his child — it didn't seem to faze him," said juror Steve Cardosi. "And while that was going on ... he is romancing a girlfriend. That doesn't make sense to me. At all."

Peterson did not testify during the six-month

Peterson was convicted Nov. 12 of one count of first-degree murder in the death of Laci, and one count of second-degree murder for the killing of her eight-month-old fetus. The jury had two options in deciding the fate of the 32-year-old former fertilizer salesman: life in prison without parole or death by injection.

Military theme to permeate inaugural

BY JOHANNA NEUMAN Los Angeles Times

WASHINGTON — As he leaves the Capitol after taking the oath of office Jan. 20, George W. Bush is expected to exercise a familiar presidential prerogative — reviewing the troops.

Then the real embrace of the military begins.

Bush, who campaigned for re-election as a wartine president, will have more than the usual presence of military flourishes at his second-term imagural ceremonies. With 183,000 U.S. troops serving in Iraq and casualties reported nearly every day, the work of the control of the

Officials are tight-lipped about details, awaiting a briefing this week from the Presidential Inaugural Committee. But the mili-



Construction crews work in the rain Friday building the parade reviewing stand in front of the White House in preparation for the inauguration of President Bush in January.

tary theme will thread through the 10 days of inaugural events normally highlighted by pomp and circumstance, a time when the nation's capital turns into a lavish backdrop for the revelry of the winning party.

This year, on the night of the inauguration, there will be a Commander in Chief Ball, open to troops who have just returned from Afghanistan or Iraq or are about to be deployed to either place.

Unlike the other eight official balls, this ball will be free to 2,000 enlisted personnel and noncommissioned officers and their famiThe president by tradition attends all nine balls, so the invited servicemembers will have an opportunity to socialize with their commander in chief. Contributors will pay as much as \$250,000 to attend the balls and other inaugural events.

And there will be 2,100 military personnel playing in bands, appearing on floats or performing in the inaugural parade, with thousands more in ceremonial units, honor cordons and even announcing the names of participants to spectators lining the route.

"The fact that we're a nation at war will be reflected throughout the inaugural," said Tracey Schmitt, a spokeswoman for the inaugural committee.



Labor of love

Heidi Klum gives back to fashion, modeling world with 'Project Runway'

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'Project Runway' host and

Heidi Klum

BY SAMANTHA CRITCHELL
The Associated Press

eidi Klum got her start in fashion through a German modeling contest and now she's returning the favor: She is the host and executive producer of 'Project Rumway', 'Bravo's new TV series that promises to pick the next hot fashion designer.

"I had a soft spot to do this, I wanted to give someone a chance who might not have had it," she

After 11 years in the business, Klum says she knows the fashion playing field isn't necessarily

"Look at Zac Posen. He had a huge break because he knew some people to get in. He's so talented and he thinks so innovatively, but there probably are a lot of Zac Posens around," Klum says.

(Posen, at 23, won the Council of Fashion Designers of America award for emerging talent earlier this year.)

"Project way," which fol-lows 12 contestants through a series of fashion challenges, more of a documentary than a re ality show, according to Klum. Most of the episodes were shot in adbut vance three finalists will have a runway runoff during New York Fashion Week in February.

"We're going to show the public what it's like to be a designer. I think people will be interested to see what it's really like, how talented designers are. What we're looking for is who is talented, not who is the funniest, not who good looking," Klum explains.

The judges should be able to spot talent. The roster includes Michael Kors, whose upcoming pring 2005 collection has already enjoyed glowing reviews; Nina Garcia and Anne Slowey from Elle magazine; Constance White, style director for eBay; and Klum, who has worn designer duds in almost every major fashion magazine in the world.

As a model, it's her job to wear

whatever is thrown at her, but Klum, 31, says some of the outbit she's worn for photo shoots are hardly her taste. "For the cover of Time (Style & Design), I looked like Tweety Bird. We needed instructions on how to put the dress on, but those things have to be there in fashion so we have somebring to talk about. ... If everything was a black spaghetti-strap dress, fashion would be boring."

The task for the "Project Runway" participants is to balance creativity, quality and salability, all in a limited amount of time and with minimal resources.

Daniel Franco, a 32-year-old from Los Angeles, says, win or lose, having his designs on TV is the best marketing tool he could have imagined — even better than the hallowed pages of Vogue, Harper's Bazaar or Elle.

"Fashion programs allow designers to get their personalities out there and that's what people are buying. The Midwest seems to relate to personality and hope-

fully if they like your personality, they'll buy your clothes," Franco says.

Franco, who has studied fash-ion for six years, including creating his own master's program at Otis College of Art and Design, describes his look as somewhere between designer ready-to-wear

executive producer and couture.
"If David Bow-

ie's music were fashion designs they'd look like mine. They're a look into the future; they're innovative, very conceptual, a slender aesthetic for the modern athletic body." he says.

The aspiring designers featured on "Project Runway" aren't quite amateurs — Franco, for example, has been featured on Jane Pauley's talk show twice as a fashion expert — but they are still searching for their big break. The prize of having their designs photographed for Elle by publication director and shutterbug Gilles Bensimon and getting \$100,000 in seed money and a mentorship from Banana Republic would go a long way toward achieving that



Pause (4)

Supermodel Heidi Klum is host and executive producer of "Project Runway," a new series on Bravo. The show promises to pick the next big thing among a group of aspiring designers.



Arrests, controversy plague lottery winner

By Kelley Schoonover

The Associated Press

CHARLESTON, W.Va. - The world's first glimpse of Jack Whittaker, winner of the richest undivided lot-tery jackpot in U.S. history, was of a boisterous, happy-go-lucky guy in a big cowboy hat who loved his family, work and God and promised to share his good fortune with the church and the poor.

Two years later, the picture the public is seeing now is a mug shot of a haggard, somber Whittaker

His wife says she regrets his purchase of the \$314 million ticket that has thrust her family into the public

"I wish all of this never would have happened," Jewel Whittaker told The Charleston Gazette for Tues day's editions. "I wish I would have torn the ticket

Whittaker, 57, has been arrested twice for drunken driving in the past year and has been ordered to go into rehab by Jan. 2 for a 28-day stay. On Monday, he pleaded no contest to charges he attacked a bar manager, and he is accused in two lawsuits of making trouble at a nightclub and a racetrack

"This clown is not capable of handling a \$10 bill, much less all those millions. Every time you turn around, he's having trouble with the laws of our state. What a waste of all that money," groused Dewey Large of Princeton.

Although he was already a wealthy contractor, Whittaker became an instant celebrity on Christmas Day 2002 after winning a \$314.9 million Powerball jackpot. He took his winnings in a lump sum of \$113 million after taxes, and at a news conference, he promto other causes.

He soon created a charity to help people find jobs, buy food or get an education; he split \$7 million among three churches; and he gave money to improve a Little League park and buy playground equip-ment and coloring books for children.

But in August 2003, a briefcase containing \$545,000 was stolen from Whittaker's sport utility vehicle while it was parked at a strip club, and police disclosed that Whittaker not only frequented strip clubs but was also a high-stakes gambler

The break-in was the first of several thefts involving Whittaker's vehicle, his office and his house in Scott Depot, a booming community of about 8,000 situated between Charleston and Huntington.

One of the thefts occurred at his home on the same day an 18-year-old friend of Whittaker's granddaughter was found dead there. The death remains under investigation. Whittaker was out of town at the time, but the young man's death made the lottery winner part

of yet another front-page story.

Also, last week Whittaker reported that his

17-year-old granddaughter was missing. The family had not seen or heard from Brandi Lasha Bragg since

Dec. 4. Authorities are investigating.

In May, two men sued Whittaker, claiming they were injured when they were tossed out of a nightclub at his request. In another lawsuit, three female employees of a racetrack claim Whittaker assaulted them last year

In January, he was accused of threatening and assaulting a bar manager; on Monday, he was fined \$100 and ordered to attend weekly Alcoholics Anonymous meetings

Record Powerball winner Jack Whittaker celebrates with his granddaughter Brandi Bragg, right, at West Virginia Lottery's Charleston headquarters after winning \$314.9 million in this 2002 photo. Since winning the jackpot, Whittaker has faced numerous arrests and lawsuits for drunken driving and assault. In September, a friend of 17-year-old Bragg was found dead in Whittaker's home. Last week, it was reported Bragg has not been seen since Dec. 4.

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Gift cards popular — but they can be tricky

BY EILEEN ALT POWELL The Associated Press

NEW YORK - Publicist Scott Black started looking at purchasing gift cards a couple of years ago, when he realized how much it cost to ship holiday presents to customers and family

"Whether for a client or my mother-in-law, it seemed silly to spend \$50 on a gift and then \$20 to ship it," said Black, 40, president of the TimePiece Public Relations agency in Dallas.

He's become a big fan of gift cards, which are prepaid cards that look like credit or debit cards that recipients can use to purchase goods or services. Black even sends them to his mother, who is an avid reader.

"I get gift cards to the book stores near her," he said. "For her, the hunt for a new book is as exciting as getting the gift."

The most popular gift cards are sold by retailers, including department stores, restaurants and music shops, for use in their own outlets. Others are available through financial institutions and generally carry the logos of Visa, MasterCard. American Express or Discover. These can be used wherever the branded credit cards are accepted.

Although increasingly popular with American consumers, gift cards are not without their draw-

A study done by the Division of Consumer Affairs in Montgomery County, Md., found that some

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Publicist Scott Black holds Barnes & Noble and Cheesecake Factory gift cards that he will be giving to friends and family as Christmas gifts. Black started looking seriously at purchasing gift cards a couple of years ago when he realized how much it was costing to ship presents

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to customers and family for the holidays.

gift card issuers do not offer replacement cards if the originals are lost or stolen

Many extract "inactivity" or "dormancy" fees if a card isn't used within a year or other set period of time, reducing the value of the card by as much as \$2 a month. Some gift cards, especially bank-issued cards, cost \$3.95 to \$11.95 to buy and expire after a year or 18 months, the study

"Consumers should understand a gift card's policies before

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Despite potential problems, the cards are gaining increasing consumer acceptance because they help make gift-giving easy, said Tara Weiner, national managing partner of consulting firm Deloitte & Touche USA's consumer business industries practice.

"Gift cards are convenient for the giver and convenient for the recipient, who can choose a gift they truly want," Weiner said

A survey conducted for Deloitte

Before buying ...

The Treasury's Office of the Comptroller of the Currency and a number of state consumer agencies suggest consumers look into the terms and conditions on gift cards before they buy. Some things to look out for

■ Is there a charge for purchase of the card? Gift cards issued by retailers generally don't have upfront costs, but bank cards that carry the logo of companies such as Visa, MasterCard, American Express and Visa can cost \$3.95 to \$11.95 to buy.

restaurants and 27 percent expect

But the Deloitte & Touche sur-

vey also found that more than a

quarter of the people who re

ceived gift cards during the 2003

holiday season hadn't fully re-

deemed all of their gift cards a

"You want the gift cards to be

fully taken advantage of," Weiner

said. "That suggests there's an op-

portunity for retailers to consider

Ruth Furman, 38, of Las Vegas,

used to avoid gift cards because

she felt they were impersonal

Now she considers them the best

way to make sure her eight nieces

and nephews get exactly the gifts

what they like, where they shop,'

Furman said. "I want the kids to

"I go out of my way to find out

promotions around gift cards

to buy cards for services

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■ Does the card have an exniration date?

■ Are "inactivity" or "dormancy" fees deducted from the value of the gift card if it isn't used in a set period of time?

■ Are replacement cards available if a gift card is lost or stolen? Is there a charge for the replacement?

■ Exactly where can the cards be used? Can they be used on the Internet, or only for in-store purchases?

Can the cards be swapped for cash?

- The Associated Press

& Touche found that 64 percent of get something they're really consumers intend to buy gift going to like and they're really cards this holiday season, up from going to use." 60 percent in 2003. About half That translates to Barnes & Noble and Borders gift cards for said they would purchase cards for stores or products, some 34 percent intend to buy cards for nieces who like to pick their own

books and music, as well as a Toys R Us gift card for a 3-year-old nephew who likes Thos the Tank Engine toys. "I try to send the cards with a note, and that helps make it more

personal," Furman said.

Still there are consumers who don't want anything to do with

"I just hate them." said Kathy Posner, 49, a retired advertising executive. Instead of putting gifts under the Christmas tree, "we're becoming a nation that puts envelopes under the tree." she said.

Posner said she holiday shops through the year, trying to match gifts to the wants and needs of friends and family.

"Frankly, I would rather have you spend \$10 and give me something you've thought about than spend \$50 and hand me a gift card that says to me, 'I don't have time to think about you,' " she

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PRECIOUS METALS

INTEREST RATES

Prime rate	5.0
Discount rate	
Federal funds market rate	2.187
3-month bill	2.2
30-year bond	4.8
Sources: The Associated Pre	ss. Bank (

ents and Sensibility Money tip of the day

Start saving now Windfall collection. Earmark

NEW YORK - Pennies for a rainy day are nice, but there are easy ways to save much more that that for a sunny future.

Glinda Bridgforth and Gail Perry-Mason, authors of the new book "Girl, Make Your Money Grow!" recommend starting small. Putting aside even a dollar or two a day will help your savings grow over time. They recommend that you consider the following:

Serial savings. Decide that you'll save every \$1 bill with a serial number that begins with one of your initials or has a certain combination of numbers, such as the year in which were born. Check the serial numbers every time you break a large bill or re-ceive change.

for savings any financial windfalls vou receive - gifts, refunds, prizes and even change you find on the street. Since you weren't expecting the money or counting on it to pay bills, you'll find it easier to put aside. If the

windfall is significant, try to put at least half into savings Cashing in change. At the end of the day, put all your coin change into a mason jar or other container. When the container is full, count it up and bring it to your bank.

Pay yourself. Make a list of your favorite stores and other places where you tend to spend money on unnecessary items. Whenever you visit those stores or outlets, put a percentage of the total purchase amount into

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UVA investigation

VA RICHMOND — Federal education officials are investigating a complaint that the University of Virginia's undergraduate admissions policy discriminates against white applicants.

The complaint was filed after the Charlottes-ville university denied admission to a white male student from New York for a spot in the fall 2003 incoming class.

"Many kids with far less qualifications had already been accepted to the university in the name of diversity," the student's father said in the complaint. "If my son had been a girl or a minority with his grades, test scores and extracurricular activities he would have been admitted to the University on his own with no problem."

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U.Va. spokeswoman Carol Wood declined to discuss the investigation by the U.S. Department of Education's civil-rights office. She said, however, that diversity is just one of many factors the university uses in determining admission.

Stopping meds blamed

MN MINNEAPOLIS — When the Rev. Joe Roberson heard that his grandson was accused of running the streets naked and scuffling with police, he had a good guess at what happened.

"I believe he just quit taking his medications," Roberson said about his grandson, Michael Porter, 19, who was seriously injured when a police dog bit him in the grain.

groin.

Porter, who remains in serious condition, was eventually subdued with a Taser gun.

Roberson said Porter had been taking medication to help him cope with his father's unexpected death about two years ago. Porter has been charged with four counts of felony assault and gross misdemeanor assault. He is accused of wandering through Minneapolis streets, sometimes wearing only a robe, at other times wearing nothing.

Expensive legal fees

CHESAPEAKE — The city's successful defense of lawsuits accusing officials of failing to warn pregnant women about a harmful byproduct in Chesapeake tap water totaled \$2.4 million, according to documents released by the city.

All but \$300,000 went to pay two law firms: Williams Mullen, which has offices in Virginia Beach, and Breeden, Salb, Beasley & Duvall of Norfolk.

The firms began defending the city four years ago against hundreds of individual civil suits that collectively were seeking an estimated \$1.8 billion from the city. The cases never made it to trial.

Last month, the Virginia Supreme Court ruled that Chesapeake was immune from such law-

Fire on the set

AZ TUCSON — A fire broke out on the set of a TV movie being filmed at the Tucson Convention Center, injuring five people



and forcing the evacuation of thousands arriving for a concert in another part of the building.

The fire started on the set of ABC's "Desperation," written by horror writer Stephen King. It damaged the set, made to look like a mine shaft, but not the convention center.

Three people were injured by falling debris and received first-and second-degree burns on their faces and hands. They were taken to hospitals. Two others were treated for smoke inhalation, according to fire officials.

The cause of the fire was under

The cause of the fire was under investigation.

Program losing money

CHEYENNE — The University of Woyning's family practice residency programs in Casper and Cheyenne are losing St million a year and do not offer high enough pay to attract top quality applicants. UW President Philip Dubois told a legislative committee. Dubois is asking lawmakers for about \$2.5 million to help the programs.

Bare-bones crossing

SAN FRANCISCO — Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger's administration proposed abandoning an expensive suspension design for the eastern stretch of the San Francisco-Oakland Bay



Christmas plunder
Philip J. VanVleet, left, and his
father, Phil C. VanVleet, of
Hannawa Falls, N.Y., pull their
Christmas tree out of the woods
after it was cut fresh at the Van
deWater tree farm in Canton, N.Y.

Bridge in favor of a plainer, cheaper concrete skyway.

"We need a safe bridge completed as soon as possible at a reasonable cost," said Sume Wright McPeak, secretary of California's Business, Housing and Transportation Agency. "This is a time of very constrained resources for the state of California."

The bare-bones skyway design could shave between \$300 million and \$400 million off a project whose price tag ballooned from \$2.6 billion to \$5.1 billion, Mc-Peak said. She predicted the bridge could be completed by 2011 or 2012.

At issue is a 2,100-foot stretch of the bridge's eastern span that will connect Yerba Buena Island to a 1.5-mile-long concrete skyway already under construction.

Man gets 6 years in jail

MD BALTIMORE — A judge ordered a six-year prison sentence for a man who shot and killed a 15-year-old boy who was allegedly trying to steal a bicycle from the man's home.

Edward Day, 57, tearfully told Baltimore Circuit Judge John Glynn that he did not intend to shoot David Stewart with a double-barrel shotgun in the July 2002 incident.

Glynn sentenced Day to 13 years in prison, suspending all but six years. Day will get credit for having served two years and five months, mostly in home confine-

Day had pleaded guilty to manslaughter and a weapon charge in the fatal shooting. Prosecutor Wes Adams described the shooting as an act of "impulsive, angry, intentional behavior."

Defense attorney Kenneth Ravenell argued for leniency, describing Day as a Vietnam veteran who was badly affected by his time in the war.

Grant money returned

MO KANSAS CITY — An agency that runs Head Start for housands of low-income preschoolers with an \$18 million federal grant has relinquished the funds after audits revealed the agency was millions of dollars in debt, officials said.

Without the Head Start component of its \$28 million budget, KCMC Child Development Corp.
— which also provides nutrition, day care and summer school programs with other funding — probably will have to close, the agency's hoard chairman said.

Stirred about shaking

CT SOUTHBURY — No matter what the deal, don't expect this city official to shake on it.

First Selectman Mark Cooper

First Selectman Mark Cooper held a news conference to announce that he won't be shaking hands with anyone until flu season is over sometime next year.

Cooper said if anyone offers their hand, he will politely decline and give them a brochure on how to stay healthy this winter. He says he wants to set an example by limiting his contact with beoble.

"Flu season has started, and I don't want to pass along those germs," he said.



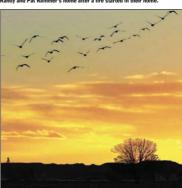
Braving the winter of Kalispell, Mont.

Snow rests on thick canvas coats worn by merino sheep in a field west



In the line of duty

Spencer, Wis., firefighter Derek
Griepentrog works on the roof of
Randy and Pat Klimmer's home after a fire started in their home.



Taking flight
Arena in Miles City, Mont.

Geese take flight at sunset above the Miles Community College Rodeo



Wild imaginations Kindergartners, from left, Kieara Bryant, Asia Woodley, Cheyanne Ainesmations to ride the Polar Express down a hill at Esenhower Elementary School in Independence, Kan.



Cookie monsters

First-grader Cady Thomas slides a reindeer cookie to a classmate to be completed as Cameron DeKuiper works on the deer antiers in Ludington. Mich.



Best kind of delivery
Nallis Air Force Base near Las Vezas.

Air Force Pave Hawk crewmember Staff Sgt. Leonardo Cruz starts unloading a delivery of toys for the Marine Corps "Toys for Tots" program at

Doctor indicted

DALLAS — A doctor under investigation for as many as 11 patient deaths was indicted on three felony counts of prescribing drugs without a medical purpose, prosecutors said.

Several patients of Dr. Daniel Maynard, ranging in age from 29 to 62, died of drug overdoses, toxic effects of mixed drugs and congestive heart failure, authorities have

Maynard wrote nearly 55,000 prescriptions in 2002, records show.

That year he wrote more prescriptions for the sedative diazepam than any other Texas doctor, and the second-most prescriptions for Tylenol with the narcotic codeine, according to the records.

A spokeswoman for the Dallas County district attorney's office said the investigation of Maynard was continuing.

Police raided the osteopath's Dallas home and clinic in October 2003 to size patients' records. The state medical board stripped Maynard of his license to practice a few days later.

Drought fears eased

DENVER — The state appears to be bouncing back from a five-year drought, thanks in part to above-average snowpack that has been good news for farmers and skiers alike.

"I think it is too early to say the drought is over. But now I would bet against it becoming a 10- or 20-year drought," federal climatologist Klaus Wolter said.

The Upper Colorado River basin was at 110 percent of average; the South Platte, a major source of water for Denver and northeast Colorado, was at 112 percent, and the Yampa-White River basin in northwest was at 111 percent.

Even the hardest-hit part of Colorado, in the southwest, is improving.

Drugged moms bill

LEBANON — State Rep. Jeff Thompson and State Sen. Jeff Drozda are sponsoring a bill that would allow prosecutors to charge women who are on drugs while giving birth and pass the narcotic to their babies.

Currently, authorities can only ask a judge to remove the child from the home. Thompson said he'd like to see the crime become a felony, but the bill would be easier to pass through the legislature as a misdemeanor.

Reward value raised

NEW HAVEN — The reward for a key suspect in a 1983 Wells Fargo robbery was raised to \$1 million, the FBI said. The agency is seeking Victor Manuel Gerena, a former Wells Fargo guard accused in the \$7 million armored car robbery in West Hart-ford. The robbery was allegedly carried out by 16 members of a Puerto Rican nationalist group.

Man burned in home fire

OWENSBORO — Henry Head Jr., 41, was treated for severe burns after a fire at his home, where investigators found items used for meth-making. Daviess County sheriff's Detective Bill Thompson said investigators

found material often used for manufacturing methamphetamine. Head already pleaded guilty to first-degree possession of a controlled substance and possession of methamphetamine in September.

Water protection

MONTPELIER — Two environmental groups want special protection for more than 60 bodies of water in the Green Mountain National Forest, but the requests are generating opposition.

The state Natural Resources Agency, representatives of the timber and ski industries and the U.S. Forest Service say they're not sure the extra protection is necessary.

"We're really surprised at the level of opposition, that there isn't more support," said Jamey Fidel of the Vermont Natural Resources Council.

The council and the Conservation Law Foundation are advocating for stronger conservation promises on the lakes, ponds, brooks and wetlands.

Metro budget plan

DC WASHINGTON — For the transit agency's history, Metro management unweiled a budget plant tops \$1 billion. The budget does call for a considerable payment increase riders' fares, but does call for a considerable payment increase from jurisdictions served card White said most of the growth in expenses is due to new programs and increases in payroll, pensions and fuel costs.

Death investigated

PHOENIX — Kevin Keogh, the city's longtime finance director, died after apparently falling or jumping from a moving car. Winnesses told police that Keogh, SO, climbed onto the top of his moving a farmed to the condition of the

Church consolidation

LE MARS — A shortage of priests will force six Roman Catholic Churches to consolidate into one central parish in Le Mars. The six current churches would close after the construction of a new church that may seat 1,000. All four priests currently serving the churches have endorsed the proposal. The consolidation allows for two priests to serve the new parish.

Harbor spill

MA BARNSTABLE — A man suffered a fatal heart attack while refueling a ferry, resulting in a spill that dumped nearly 2,000 gallons of diesel fuel into Hyannis Harbor, a Coast Guard official said.

The man was gassing up the Grey Lady, a high-speed ferry operated by Hy-Line Cruises between Cape Cod and Nantucket.

According to Chief Petty Officer David Gilbert, he had a heart attack and died, but the fuel kept flowing, dumping an estimated 1,900 gallons into the harbor.

The harbor was closed and a containment boom was placed around the spill.

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It's freedom of speech

In response to the writer of "Start acting like soldiers" (letter, Nov. 28): You failed to realize that the opportunity to voice your opinion is what made America great.

I agree that some things in the opinion section of Stars and Stripes are not worth bringing up, but that is freedom of speech.

And just because you think your job is more important than anyone else's, I suggest you think again. Yes, I am in Kuwait but spend most of my time moving equipment in Iraq. We have lost one soldier and have had many injuries. We've had trucks blown out from under several drivers and still pushed on

We drive heavy-equipment transporters, the slowest trucks on the road, moving so-called important people to every place in Iraq. But when the job is done, we come back and do maintenance and, in most cases, get ready to go again with little or no warning

So get off your high horse, act like the noncommissioned officer you are supposed to be, and stop worrying about small stuff in Stars and Strines

No one is more professional than I am. I suggest you start living by that, before you say we all sit around collecting a check and sewing on patches.

Everyone has a job, yours is there and mine is here, unfortunately never for long. So the next time you get that "I don't care feeling," keep it to yourself. An NCO, of all should know that freedom of speech, freedom of the press, and freedom to whine and cry are what we have been fighting for.

Spc. Robert Bell Camp Arifian, Kuwait

Serving past your ETS

I have been in the Army National Guard for 15 years. I was reading the article about the individuals filing a lawsuit against the Army because their term was up and they were still having to serve.

Well, my unit got activated in October 2003, and we have been in country since March 2004. My estimated time in service was June 2004 and I'm still here

Of everything I have ever heard about people suing the government, this is the most ridiculous and unethical thing that has ever struck my attention.

My great-grandfather, my grandfather on both parents' sides, and my father all served in the military. My ETS was June 2004 and no one asked me if I would stay. Staying past your ETS while you're in co intrv de fending the honor and respect of the United States has nothing to do with a contract, but has everything to do with duty, loyalty, dignity and, above all, honor.

Did these people get in just for the college money or the extra weekend drill pay that made a loan payment? These people need to think about something: If you just wanted college money, you should have applied for a grant. If you just wanted some extra cash work part time at Burger King. If you wanted to serve your country, then quit whining and serve it with pride, because we live in the best country that God could ever create.

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These people need to stop playing their silly games and be men about it. Spc. Shawn Goodwin

Taji, Iraa Like adding water to milk

Due to the high military operations tempo, a possible option being discussed is the draft

I have served in the U.S. Air Force for 23 years and never in the past has our military been as good as it is today. Why would we want to change a plan that is working so well?

If we need more troops, instead of drafting, why not look at the pay and benefits package? There have been many days in my 8,000-plus days of service when I wished I was somewhere else or could be doing something else. But I volunteered. I want to be wherever the Air Force sends me and, wherever I go, I do my best, just the same as all other members of the military. I have seen it over and over that fewer

willing workers get a job done faster and better than more unwilling workers. Instituting a draft would be like adding water to a glass of milk. Yes, you have more milk, but it's thin and nowhere near as good as the milk you started with.

My commentary in no way disparages the memory of those in the 1970s and before who were drafted, served honorably and died for our nation. In these past times, though, we weren't seeing naked breasts on TV [broadcasts of] Super Bowl games or listening to Eminem when our high school basketball teams took the court. Times, people, culture have all changed.

Senior Master Sgt. Thomas Kierstead Bagram Air Base, Afghanistan

ACLU speaks for just a few

I have read a couple of articles in Stars and Stripes concerning the American Civil Liberties Union. I also believe that the ACLU is out of tune with mainstream America. The ACLU is one of the biggest reasons

we need metal detectors in our high schools and why prisons are country clubs instead of prisons

At one time the ACLU had a just function and served a majority of people. Today it is a coalition of lawyers who are no better than ambulance-chasers.

We need to have a strong America where the majority rules. I don't care if 1 in a 100 does not like the word God in the Pledge of Allegiance. That person should either not say God or find another country that offers him a better life.

I believe prayer in school is good. Those who don't like it shouldn't participate, but they should allow others who want to pray in school to do so Freedom of choice is great. However, I do not believe the Founding Fathers thought that there would be indi-viduals who would want their freedom of choice to overrule the majority. That is not how a democracy works. If 99 out of 100 peo-ple feel prayer belongs in school, then it is not up to the Supreme Court to challenge the majority.

We swear an oath to protect and defend, "so help [us] God." That should never change regardless of what liberals or the ACLU want. A R Nichols

Camp Kinser, Okinawa

Praise for tough question

I watched the TV news in utter disbelief as Spc. Thomas Wilson of the Tennessee Na-tional Guard asked Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld why more military combat vehicles were not reinforced for battle conditions. How could this soldier ask the senior U.S. Defense Department official such a question? Had the soldier's chain of command and public affairs officials failed in their responsibilities to properly screen and eliminate such a potentially embarrassing question, or had the soldier discarded the approved question and decided to ask an unanproved one

It is very obvious that this young man had not heard of what happened to Gen. Eric Shinseki, a former Army chief of staff who dared to tell Congress that the occupation of Iraq could require "several hundred thousand troops." The general, who lived the seven Army Values, was forced into retire-ment in June 2003 because he demonstrated integrity and personal courage rather than acting like one of those hobble-headed figures that nod their heads up and down in the rear window of a car. (His actions were so counter to expected behavior that his retirement was not even attended by DOD officials)

I applaud Spc. Wilson's courage to ask our leaders the hard questions. Beside Stryk-ers. Abrams tanks, Bradley fighting vehicles and up-armored Humvees, there are plenty of unarmored, thin-skinned vehicles driven and occupied by our sons and daughters. Spc. Wilson will probably find that his small time in the press spotlight brings noto-riety that he does not need as he prepares to deploy to Iraq in the service of our country If he decides to stay in the National Guard until retirement, he should not expect anyone from the Department of Defense to attend his ceremony. Michael Shanahan

Stuttgart, Germany BY GARRY TRUDEAU

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OPINION

A nation's gratitude to the families of 9/11

BY CHRISTOPHER SHAYS AND CAROLYN MALONEY

ongress finally passed historic legislati week to overhaul the nation's intelligence system. Members of the Sept. 11 commission, who spent nearly two years investigating the government's failure to detect that massive terrorist plot, believe the legislation contains the most important reforms the government can enact to prevent future terrorism against the country.

Even so, the bill faced strong opposition, both in public and in the back rooms of Congress. A fierce fight against reform is all but guaranteed in the halls of government whenever changes of such magnitude are sought in Washington. In this battle for reform, however, there was a force greater than the inertia of the status quo.

While many deserve credit for the coming sea change in our intelligence system, including members of the Sept. 11 commission. no one deserves the country's gratitude more than the determined family members of those killed in the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001

They turned their grief and anger into vehicles for change, and in so doing they helped unde niably to make America safer and stronger for generations.

being called "a 9/11 family mem-On its own the label is a burden no one would want to carry. These families carried that burden further than any of us could

They stood up time and again in public and in the offices of powerful national leaders, conveying their personal loss and their belief that no American family should ever endure a loss like the one they experienced on Sept. 11. They did all this to compel our government to join their fight for a safer America.

While not all family members were involved, and while those who stood up for reform expressed differences over the preferred final version of the legislation, no one can deny the power of their collective voices in keeping this legislation rolling forward

The Sept. 11 commission, because of the administration's initial opposition to it, would not have been created had it not been for the pressure exerted by 9/11 families. The commission would have been underfunded and denied subpoena power as well, if the families had not intervened. When the bureaucracy sought to deny the information the commission needed, the families again were unafraid to exert pressure on the president and Congress to do the right thing. When the commission sought an extension to complete its work in a thorough way the 9/11 families did not rest until those who sought a premature end to the commission

And finally, after the release of the commission's report and recommendations, these same family members led the effort to make the recommendations the law of our land. When they thought their work was done this past summer, they had to roll up their sleeves again and fight right until the last moment to get it done. As a last effort, many of the 9/11 family members held vigil day after day, at Ground Zero and in cities across the country, as Congress neared the end of its session. For these families, this legislation was about far more than intelligence reform, it was about fighting terrorism on every front achieving lasting change after suffering unforgettable losses

We believe this intelligence reform legislation, so crucial to the future safety of the American people, would not have seen the light of day without the tireless effort of the family members who lost loved ones on Sept. 11. The leaders of this tremendous effort deserve recognition: Carol Ashley, mother of Janice Ashley; Kristen Breitweiser, wife of Ronald Breit-



weiser; Patty Casazza, wife of John F. Casazza: Beverly Eckert. wife of Sean Rooney; Mary Fetchet, mother of Bradley James Fetchet; Monica Gabrielle, wife of Richard Gabrielle; Bill Harvey, husband of Sara Manley Harvey; Mindy Kleinberg, wife of Alan Kleinberg; Carie Lemack, daughter of Judy Larocque; Steve

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tian Michael Otto Regenhard; Lorie Van Auken, wife of Ken-neth Van Auken; and Robin Wiener, sister of Jeffrey Wiener We hope we speak for the na-

tion when we express our gratitude, our respect, and our deepest appreciation for the 9/11 families devotion to our country's safety.

Rep. Christopher Shays, R-Conn., and Rep. Carolyn Maloney, D-N.Y., are co-founders of the 9/11 Commission Caucus in the House of Representatives

Russia can't keep cloak-and-dagger ways under wraps

BY FRED HIATT The Washington Post

WASHINGTON any experts have speculated about why President Vladimir Putin and his narrow circle seem so determined to lead Russia in a self-defeating direction. Explanations range from misplaced imperial nostalgia to personal insecurity and a need for ab solute control to an overzealous response to Russians' understandable desire for stability. Increasingly, though, it seems another, perhaps more rational, motive should not be excluded: simple thievery.

As to the misrule, there can no longer b much doubt. Russia continues to benefit from high oil prices, the salvation of incompetent rulers all over the world, but on the most fundamental score card - demography — Russia faces catastrophe. Its population is dwindling; in just the first months of this year, its population declined by a half-million. The population is forecast to fall from 150 million when the Soviet Union collapsed to 120 million by 2030.

Male death rates in particular have ex ploded, and life expectancy is lower than it was 40 years ago. AIDS and tuberculosis could make matters far worse; yet Putin pays no attention to these incinient epidemics and not much to the blossoming epidemic of alcoholism

The stifling of political and civic freedom under Putin is well-chronicled. Television is again state-controlled, power is concentrated in the Kremlin, the renamed KGB harasses academics and citizen-advocates

The regime is beginning to isolate itself in-ternationally, too. At a forum of European and North American nations last week, Russia put itself in the remarkably Cold War position of vetoing a measure supporting Ukrainian democracy that the Ukrainians them-selves put forward. Russia's only ally was Europe's only total dictatorship, Belarus.

None of this is remotely in ordinary Russians' interest, nor did it seem inevitable 10 or even five years ago. Then, many Russ leaders understood that they had nothing to fear and much to gain from living in a rule-based society, with democratic neighbors and growing ties to Europe. Reformers in Putin's government believed he wanted to move toward a nation governed by law, not fear or personal whim

What happened? No doubt deep-seated habits of nationalist thinking, superpower envy and secret-police paranoia have played a role. But so, perhaps, at least among some Kremlin insiders, has the lure of riches the temptation of property redistribution.

At least it's hard not to entertain such

thoughts as the destruction of Yukos Oil Co. unfolds. This was Russia's most-nmfitable and most-efficient energy company until its chief was put in prison more than 13 months ago. Since then it has been socked with one

week - until its bills to the government for 2001 and 2002 now exceed its revenue for those years, according to its American chief executive Steven Theede

Yet the government shows no interest in egotiating a payment schedule, Theede says. Instead, it has scheduled an auction of Yukos' core assets for Sunday, with a government-controlled company quite likely the only bidder, at a price as low as one-third of the assets' real worth. It's "illegal expropria-

tion," in Theede's words Some investors hope the gangster tactics will cease once Yukos is gone. But just last week tax authorities sent a \$158 million tax bill to a cell phone company that has been feuding with the telecommunications minister, who allegedly (he denies it) has a financial interest in a competitor. (The tax authorities, at least showing a sense of humor, sent a \$3 million bill to the competing company.) The government in neighboring Ukraine

had been running affairs the same way, sell-

ing off valuable assets to privileged insiders. and democrats there see a connection be tween Putin's support of Ukraine's government-backed candidate in recent elections and the similarity in economic systems "What they have created in Russia is state capitalism," says Oleh Rybachuk, chief of capitalism," says Oleh Rybachuk, chief o staff to reform candidate Viktor Yushchen ko in Ukraine, and an end to corruption in Ukraine would be "a vital danger" to that

The stifling of free press and political op-position in Russia may have been undertaken for other reasons, but it certainly facilitates Yukos-style official thievery. Who now dares object? And here's the most depressing part: Once a regime becomes hooked on expropriation, no matter how gussied up with legal niceties, it can never voluntarily give up power. ... Even if thievery was not the original goal, the criminal logic con-

Fred Hiatt is editor of The Post's editorial page.

Mallard Fillmore

BY BRUCE TINSLEY





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J Horoscope

Love planet Venus embraces the realm of Sagittarius, where it will languish until the second week of January. We're like curious teens who are at once renelled and compelled by the notion of falling in love. The more "dangerous" a romantic prospect, the more drawn we are to it! This transit also brings a greater

acceptance of other cultures TODAY'S BIRTHDAY

(December 16). You're sure of yourself this year confidence carries you into situations you could only speculate about in years past. In creased career demands in the new year are a good thing, giving you the opportunity to show you're worthy of a better position. Love is fulfilling and comfortable until May, when you turn into an infatuated teen again! Your lucky numbers are: 6, 40, 50,

33 and 21 ARIES (March 21-April 19). You're not acting out of your own need to succeed; you're performing for those around you. Whatever the motivation, it causes you to push yourself. You'll be an inspiration to that perpetual underachiever you know

TAURUS (April 20-May 20).

Colleagues could treat you as a freshman - how annoying, especial ly considering that you're the one with all the experience. When you focus on what you know, instead of on how others treat you, it is a source of pride.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). If others look at you sideways, pay

them no mind. You're a self-taught person and therefore have a unique way of solving problems. Singles meet love while helping a friend or hnee

CANCER (June 22-July 22). An experimental mood has you feeling flippant, clever and playful! You'll get a crash course in romantic communication and learn very quickly what works - and what never to say again!

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). When

barraged with too much information, you're discerning, objective and fair. You'll be exposed to propaganda. It's your job to make sure the more gullible people around you aren't duned

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). today were a painting, it **Holiday Mathis** would be a slick piece of

pop art. You'll be seduced by glamour, commercialism and celebrity - but at the same time,

something deeper in you longs for substance. Reach to loved ones to get grounded.

LIBRA (Sept.

23-0ct. 23). You're not a cartoon character who, after being flattened by a

steamroller, arrives in the next scene back to normal again. You're flesh and bone and spirit - you require a recovery period! Give it to vourself

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Loved ones have you doing acrobatics in order to get the validation you desire. Consider the lengths you'll go to for something you could possibly provide for yourself. What would

it take for you to love yourself more? SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec.

21). You're deep, so you see depth in things that other people can only see in one dimension. It's remarkable how you can turn the most menial of jobs into a trip through the grand amusement park of life.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You may be accident prone, so keep your mind on the task at hand. You're also vulnerable to happy mistakes — the kind that land you in a much better position than the one you intended

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). A penchant for overblown passion is featured . But your relationship doesn't deserve or need the flash of drama. Exorcise the feeling by reading a romance novel while listening to a Liberace record.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Dare to make new requirements of your friends, your customers and the people who help you maintain your

lifestyle. What would happen if you expected 10 percent more integrity and heart from these folks?

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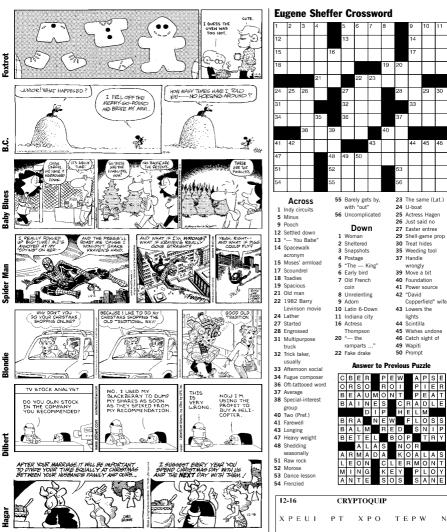
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THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

by Henri Arnold and Mike Argirion

Eavesdroppers can be toyed with JUMBLE

Dear Abby: My husband took me out to an expensive restaurant. As we chatted over dinner we realized that the couple next to us was eavesdropping on our conversation. They could hear everything we were saying. They kept turning their heads and

looking straight at us They even tried to peek when the check came. My husband and I tried

to ignore it, however, it put a damper on our nice evening. How should we tell nosy people to "butt out" of our dinner conversation

Conversationally Speaking in Delaware Dear Conversationally

Speaking: You and your husband missed an opportunity to have some fun. If you invent wild enough dialogue the reaction can be funnier than a floor show. You could have raised your voices just a bit and begun discussing how you were going to spend the "drug money or which girl you planned to send on the next "call." Short of

table, there is no foolproof way to discourage nosy eavesdroppers.

Dear Abby: My letter is in response to the one from the neighbors who complained about the noise their neighbor's chil-

dren made playing basketball in the vard Dear Abby

As a boy, many years ago, I probably annoyed our neighbors the same way. Now that boy has grown into a man, who has taken care of literally thousands of youngsters in my practice of behavioral pediatrics.

Experience tells me that if all youngsters would be outside play-

ing basketball or any other activity of exertion, we would have far fewer academic and behavioral problems.

Approximately 75 percent of my patients never go outside to play. Many of them are addicted to video games and some to television. The ramifications of this addiction are enormous

These children tend to be more agitated and anyious Their blood pressure and pulse are often increased. Their imagination is dulled. They have a higher risk of obesity, early onset diabetes, and future cardiovascular disease. Their sleep patterns are upset. and there is some evidence that they are at increased risk for

seizures. If the pounding of a basketball is annoying to some folks, they should step back and look at the big picture

- Joel P. Sussman, M.D., FAAP, Columbia, S.C. Dear Dr. Sussman: Thank you for an important letter. As some readers pointed out, the complainer should be thankful the neighbor children are involved in activities as healthy as athletics. People who can't stand the sound of children playing should relocate to a development for

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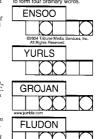
> Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

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Jumbles: CHUTE PLUME Yesterday's What the pie-eating champ did to the compe-Answer tition - CHEWED THEM UP

Matchmakers won't give it a rest

Dear Annie: I'm gay and have been in a loving relationship for over 20 years. My partner and I are only in our early 40s but I know I have my soul mate and wish for no other. We are quiet, reserved types with no obvious traditional signs of attachment.

For most of our relation shin we have dreaded the inevitable questions: "Are you married?" and so forth. We usually respond "no" and leave it at that. We don't wish to elaborate. Frequently, though, this doesn't stop the matchmakers who are keen to introduce us to their single, female friends. We have found that however we answer, the matchmaker always

reacts negatively.

Our relationship is not a secret. but it is private. We generally do not volunteer that we are a couple except in appropriate environments, because we can't be sure if our new (presumably straight) acquaintances will react positive ly. We simply don't find it necessary to let people know we're



anything other than roommates, and many acquaintances are very surprised when they learn the truth.

What can we say to these matchmakers who seem well-meaning, but are ultimately insensitive and prving

- Won't Give the Game Away Dear Gamer: Your signature indicates that

you are not entirely comfortable being out of the closet, but that's your call. Most people would suspect that a man in his 40s who's been roommates with "Joe" for 20 years may be gay. For the clueless-yet-persistent matchmakers, simply say. "Thanks, but I'm already spoken for." Then excuse yourself and walk away.

Dear Annie: You printed a letter about an 8-year-old who was sexually harassed in school I have an 8-year-old daughter who has sexually harassed others at her school. She is not a bully

nor was she abused. She has a

neurological condition called Early Onset Bipolar Disorder. Most people think bipolar

means up-and-down moods While this is true, the illness is neurologically based and, espe-cially in children, can have many different symptoms, including

inappropriate sexual behavior My daughter has taken medica tion since she was 4. It helps considerably, but she has occa-sional periods of instability.

For more information, please check out the Child and Adolescent Bipolar Foundation (www.bpkids.org), for parents of children who are bipolar, at 1000 Skokie Blvd., Suite 425, Wilmette, IL 60091.

Bipolar Mom

Dear Mom: We hope your daughter's school has educated the other parents to be understanding about your situation Annie's Malibox is written by Kathy Mitchell and Marcy Sugar, Iongtime editors of the Ann Landers Column. Please e-mail your questions to anniesmalibox/geomeas.heet, or write to: Annie's Mailbox, c/o Creators Syncate, S779 K. Century Blvd., Suite 700, Los Angeles, CA 90045.

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Guam - Wanted to buy ungra-ded sports cards preferably football, baskerball and base ball. Looking for Derek Jeter, Carmelo Anthony, Lebron James, Fran Tarkenton, Roger Staubach. Email me your list of players to Isalas & Ito.net

Collectibles 350

Zama · Football, baseball, and basketball memorabilia for sale. Auto's, sets, boxes, cases, swatches and numbered cards. 25% discount on all items bought. Must see in person. If interest, please email 0446468001 @lpom.home.ne.jp or telephone 0428-55-7979.

360 Computers

Foster, Okinawa - Dell OptiPlex GX/200, 1.0 GHZ, 255MB-PAM 20GB-HDD, Win XP Pro, Off XP, NAV, CD-ROM, 250MB-Zip, Toppy, 17" Dell Mor, All for only 5 2.8 0 - 0 for a for only 2.8 0 - 0 for a for only orsean0930@yahoo.com or cal ass.expsx. 646-6335.

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Kadena, Okinawa - I have a desktop computer video card for sale. ATI Radon 9000 Pro, less then a year old. Just upgraded. Asking \$50.975 for the card. Just plug it in and install the software updates and go. Call Dan at 930.5850 or email me at draiel meworklardens at mil. uan at 930-5850 or email me at daniel meyer@kadena.af.mil Kadena. Okina Ganter-freyer wasonstaut-most Kadena, Okinawa - Sound Card-Sound Blather Platinum Audigy 24bit PCI with remote and bay connections including fiber op-tics, \$70 or OBO. Call Rob KAB 633-1861 or Email: rarmandi@att.net

Kadena, Okinawa - Video Card: All In Wonder Radon 64MB video card with TV in and video capture capability. Original box -570 or best offer call Rob at KAB 633-1861or Email:

Sagamihara, Japan - Compaq computer: PC, monitor and keyboard, window XP Pro and office 2003 installed, \$350. Call 267-6100. 267-6100.

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Optical Mouse from Belkin provides a great Radio Frequency
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Butter - 2 booster seats, both gray in color and in excellent condition. Paid \$30 each in furniture store but will sell for \$15 each. 6225455 or joseph_ medicine. What trail is not seen to see the moginnis@Hotmail.co Courtney, Okinawa - Fire Truck toddler bed for sale (wout mattress) in very good condition. Sells \$200+ in PX will let go for \$75. If interested call (H) 622-8560 or (W) 623-7310.

Foster, Okinawa- 1 black glide rocker/recliner with ottoman \$50, excellent condition. Please call Debbie at 646-8213. Yokota - California King water-bed with full waveless mattress, 6 drawer pedestal, heater and mirrored headboard. Free. Call 0428-32-5292

Call Decore in services in Section 2 (2 and, 1 center) tables in good condition \$10.00 to Black leather message chair like new husband used only 2time \$150.00 obo. Call Anita 646-4875 after \$:00 pm or a 1 center of the section 2 in the section e m a i chicatejana2002@yahoo.com

at \$2,400, won as grand prize at OWC Asia Bazaar, \$800 OBO. Call 227-3359. Yokota, Japan - Cherry-finish dining room table with 4-cushioned chairs, \$70. Call 227-3905.

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Foster, Okinawa - Black marble looking bedroom armoire: Excel-lent condition. \$50 Please Call 646-5757. five-compartment wood storage cases \$30 each, a large wood grain locking storage cabinet \$40, white five-drawer bedroom chest \$40. Call 253-8881. Household Items

646-2071
Kadena - FUTON - wood with black frame good condition, \$50: Sofa Table or hall table \$75: Sofa Table or hall table \$75: Safa 133 or em all shellmill®yahoo.com for a pic-ture.

Kadena, Okinawa - Dark navy blue Bocking Recliner for sale. Acking \$150, call 633-1513 di interested.

interested. Kadena, Okinawa - Glass din room table with 4 chairs used twice since bought is \$400. If interested call Ro 634-3278 or 937-0844.

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Foster, Okinawa - Like new Sony Net MD Walkman MZ-N420D: Headphones and pro-gram disk included. \$75.00 OBO. Contact 645-4228. Foster, Okinawa - Play station 1 comes with 2 controllers and 11 games (mostly sports games) absolute bargain for \$50 call 646-4158 or email sflokinawa@yahoo.com

Kadena, Okinawa - Looking for a cheap or free queen size bed frame. It got to be a nice one. Will pay for what its worth. If interested call at 632-3202 or e-mail at Ryan20_02@yahoo. Foster, Okinawa - Sharp Re-ceiver with built in DVD player Sells for \$450 at the BX in the States. Will sell for \$200. Works great just don't need anymore Call 645-5587.

Kadena, Okinawa - 20 inch TV \$25.00; 27 inch TV with DVD \$200.00 OBO. Must sell ASAP CunninghamCM@ oki10.med

Kadena, Okinawa - Sleeper Couch for sale: Dark green in color with Arizona style pattern. Couch and bed are in very good shape. Asking \$150. Call 633-1513 if interested

Kadena, Okinawa - 34' wide screen Panasonic HDTV in perfect condition. 950 obo sells for 1300 at BX if interested call Johnson at 9567501 or 634-8207. Kadena, Okinawa - SOFA & LOVESEAT cream color, \$175 Entertairment Center - Scandi-navian design, black and beech wood color, MUST SEE, Paid \$750, asking \$350 call \$633-8133 or email shellmill@yahoo.com

Radena, Okinawa - If you need a great looking and working VCR give me a call at 632-3202 or e-mail me at Ryan20_02@yahoo.com for pio-tures and price. Kadena, Okinawa - Tall and sturdy Korean chest/dresser for sale: Asking price \$600 OBO. Call 633-6290 evenings. Kadena, Okinawa - Two room dividers: Excellent condition nat-ural wood and white bought at furniture store for \$90 ea. Decided not to use. Will sell for \$50 ea. Call Scott or Jennifer @ 632-3576

Kadena. Okinawa - I have a FUSION box with two tens and a 300 watt amp already mouted on box for sale. Paid 300.00 for both, will sell for \$140.00 Power wires and speaker wires included. Call 532-3157. Kadena - Two sofas multi colored, two coffee tables, Aus-tralian aluminum smoked glass top & bottom 39°x27°/x16°. All for \$200.00 firm. Call 090-8839-9617

Kadena, Okinawa - 27° JVC Flat Screen TV: 1-year-old good condition. Purchased new last

condition. Purchased new last year for \$500, will sell for \$150. Call 633-2283 for details.

Kadena, Okinawa - Karaoke machine for sale! Will throw in all CD's 15+ and 2 microphones. Has the ability to record singing too. \$85 Call 633-6513. 633-2462

Kinser, Okinawa - Glider Rocker with Ottoman - \$75 OBO Call 637-4386 or 090 8294 1554 or email jenn8164@yahoo.com

Yokota, Japan - Beautiful wood entertainment center cabinet with oriental hand finish, valued Kadena, Olkinawa - One Hitach VT-LVK64400AW VHS player with tuner light use with remote control, \$35; One JVC - XV. \$300BK DVD player one year old with remote, \$40; One Son Mavica FD73 great pictures direct to disc \$40. Cal 633-1830.

ksdena, Okinawa: PINBALL MACHINE - Market valle \$1400 My price \$800 fully restored. Al electronic boards were recently analyzed and rebuilt. Playlield fully restored. Call 633-0251. Kadena, Okinawa - Play Station2 controller, \$15; PSt controller, \$10; Play statior power cord, \$5; Play statior video cable, \$10; X-Box control ler \$20. Call 633-2106.

Kadena, Okinawa - Play station 2 with 2 controllers and 10 games. Asking \$200.00obo. Cal 633-6001.

Kadena, Okinawa - Brand new desk lamp: Still in package 9.75' tall wonderful Christmas gift. This is not a goeseneck lamp it is like a miniature table lamp, with a rustic style. Comes ville light-bulb \$7 Email for pictures air_force_witey@hotmail.com or call 633-8906 Kadena, Okinawa - PS2 Games For Sale! Will sell all for \$ 80 or For Salet Will sell all for \$ 90 / individually as follows: Madde 2002, Sub Rebellion, Dese Storm, Stunt man, and Met Gear Solid 2 \$10 each. NB Street Grand Turismo-3. ar 2004 Madden, \$15 each call Desiree @ 633-4269 Kadena, Okinawa - Looking for your unwanted Sesame Street sheets/bedding. Cannot pay too much. Please email me at shondanichols@hotmail.com or call 633-0221.

Kadena, Okinawa - Sony 300 disk CD player: Good condition, retails for \$300.00, asking \$100.00.633-2096.

Kadena, Okinawa - Sony Home Theater System with DVD play-er, five surround speakers and subwoofer. Purchased Christ-mas '03 for \$400, Will sell for \$150. Call 633-2283 for details. Kadena, Okinawa - Sony digita video with audio control center receiver with sub-woofer and 5 surround sound speakers. Call Scott @ 632-3576

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Courtney, Okinawa - Sony Cy-ber shot 3.3mega pixel digital camera with 64 m memory stick and charger. \$120 Call Mike 622-8235.

Foster, Okinawa - Olympus C-2100 Ultra Zoom: 2.1 megpix-el, good for 8x10 prints. Image -stabilization case, batteries & charger. Over 300 Megs in Smart Media cards. Excellent cameral: Email meyers/6-oasis. mediatti.net or call 645-4277

Foster Okinawa - Panasonic PZ-10. Comes with 64mb card. Like new, just bought this spring, but I want something a little more professional. Asking 275.00. It's \$350.00 new at PX shannyoon @hotmail.com or call 646-2432.

Courtney, Okinawa - Rocking horse bought at the Marine gift shop, solid wood. Will sell to: \$35. Email tritshatt@oasis.medi-atti.net or call 622-6424

Home Electronics 570

Yokota, Japan - JVC RX-888 VBK DD/DTS, stereo receiver with remote control, \$250. Call 227-2792.

Kadena, Okinawa - Beautiful white gold wedding set: Principes cut center diamond with round-baguette sides. Mint con-dition paid over \$1600, asking \$750 obo. 633-4124 or email paulandbritt@yahoo.com for rotteredourette

Kadena, Okinawa - Marquise engagement ring with matching wedding set: BEAUTIFUL! engagement ring with matching wedding set: BEAUTIFUL! I have all paper work & original box. Have receipt & warranty from Fred Meyers Jewelers to prove it all Asking \$1,200 OBO call 633-6122 or email for p i c t u r e s lttleone92504@yahoo.com

Osan, Korea - Beautiful 14kt White Gold Engagement Ring: 5 diamonds set into ring total carats 1,00, Size 8. Bought at Zales in US for \$2100.00. Will sell for \$1600.00 CBO. Email andrea stanek &us.army.mil or call 122-7618.

Musical Instruments 740

Foster, Okinawa - 3.5 hp 20° Foster, Okinawa - Beautiful Patio Set: Like newl Well cared for. Umbreila still in box unopened! New \$280 yours for \$175! Nice plush chair pillows and top glass table is nice! 646-6838 090-6163-5036 or a i robekahmichae

Jobs Offered

Position Available: SQL Senior Software Engineer

Full-time Government Contractor position available in Okinawa. Salary negotiable.

Outdoor Living 775

Foster, Okinawa - Murray 22°
3.75 hp lawnmower: (One with the big wheel in the back) little rust but as good as new. Bought at PX for \$129. Asking \$50. 645-6145.

633-6637 or 090-1949-4229.

Kadena, Okinawa - 85-100 feet chain link fence, with gate, poles, top rails, and good condition, already pulled, you pick up. \$300.00 Call Nicole 632-3107 Must Sell!

Kadena, Okinawa - Approx. 100 feet of fence, 1 gate, lots of accessories & poles, and some poles afready cemented for you. We will pull for youf \$300 Call 633-0294 or E-Mail ortega@k-da.attmil.ne.jp

Kadena, Okinawa - Murray Lawn Mower for sale. 20 inches cut, 3 1/2 horsepower. \$45.00. Call Bill at 633-0699.

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Kadena, Okinawa - Murray lawrinower: \$120 new, selling \$70. Runs fine, with gas can. Call 080-3792-3755 or email acocks 8 Mad stafflin acjp.

Kadena, Okinawa - Set of white plastic converts benches for sale. Can be used alone as outdoor benches or combines or combines or conditions and we are asking \$50 each OBO. Call 633-1513 if interested.

Yokota AB- Fence-East side, 132 ft. professionally built priva-cy fence-1 yr. old \$2500. Trampoline-14 ft. trampoline and safety netting \$250 (227-9275)

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Foster, Okinawa - Free to good home(s), 1 fawn male Boxer, 1 brindle female boxer. PCSing, forced to find homes. Great dogs, registered, female spayed, will separate. Please, I need to find a good home for some great dogs! Contact Todd at 933-0788 or 080-1087-8700

Pet Accessories 822

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Sporting Goods

Kadena, Okinawa - Outdoors Toys, Step 2 Super Tuggy Sandbox, \$40; Brand new Step 2 Welcome Home Play house, \$300; Radio Flyer Pathfinder plastic wagon, \$40; Children's kitchenette \$10 each Call 633-1513 if interested.

632-3527.

Walker, Korea - This Little Tikes triangular gym has lots of challenging climbing surfaces to explore. The fun slide is over 4' long'. Interior platform is enclosed with high side walls. Asking \$20.00. Call: 011-501-7729.

Courtney, Okinawa - Solid wood fire engine: perfect condition. Great Christmas present for your toddler. Bought at Lake-shorelearning.com. Will sell for SSS. Call 622-6424 or email

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Foster, Okinawa - Little Tikes Cooking Sounds Gournet Kitchen with accessories and some play food, excellent condition, paid \$70 new, asking \$30. \$846-6152. Kadena, Okinawa - Marcha-Self-6152. Kadena, Okinawa - Marcha-

Kadena, Okinawa - Medium Sherwood Silhouette BCD, great condition. Asking \$125 OBO Call Mick or Patty @ 633-3729 skin \$175 OBO, black force fins \$60, Mask + snorkel Tusa Platina \$25; Mask + snorkel Tusa Pano Geo new \$35, felt sole dive boots \$15, Akona dive bag w/ shoulder straps \$25 take it all \$300 OBO Call Todd Foster - X-MAS reindeer. 1 moving 1 standing \$40 in By yours only \$201 Still in bin Nor never opened! 646-6838, 090-6163-5036 or email rebekahmichael77@hotmail.

It all \$300 OBO Call Todd 633-6737.

Kadena, Okinawa - Pro-Form Crosswalk GTS Treadmill bought 6 months ago only used to the control of the control of the 1350 OF Celebral 6 635.201 or e-mail at jeka4@oasis.mediatil. oft. Leapfrog pink backpack & lots of books. Barely used, excellent condition. \$140 call Missie @ 632,3577

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Kadena, Okinawa - Snortel gear very cheap. Split fix, bootiss, a wet suit, facemask with nose purge & snorkel with purge, all have been used tilme in very good condition. Will sell all for \$200 or will sell separate. Contact me for separate prices or to buy set at mel. \$33-0523.

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Kadena, Okinawa - Snorkel set with bag for sale! Set includes men's medium long wet sait, men's medium long wet sait, men's medium long wet sait, men's medium long wet sait stopper, and mask with storage case, weights and gloves. Geal case, weights and gloves. Geal case, weights selling for \$120. Call 653+1203.

Kadena Okinawa - Dive gear Tanks, fins, wet suits, boots masks and sonoklo all reasonably priced call 633-4806.

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by priced call esta-Kinser, Okinawa - Oceanic "Shadow" Dive Mask: Wom once snorkeling didn't fit face. Bought new for \$60.00 will sell for \$40.00 OBO. Call 637-4454 or e mail moni@okinawadiving.com.

Kadena, Okinawa - 22 VHS movies for sale - \$22 takes all Email for list. kady gotleb@kadena.af.mil

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Zama, Japan - Lord of the Rings - Complete DVD Set, all three movies (fellowship, 2 towers, return of the king), and full screen editions. Excellent condition. Asking \$38.00 OBO. Call \$63-9941 or email leonardo. garramone &us.army.mil

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Eat What You Want Day December 16

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Soul Train Night XXXVIII Christmas Party December 25 from 2100 to 0200

Join us for a special Christmas celebration featuring a "Soul Train line" dance contest with prize giveaways for first, second and third place winners, prize drawings and our top DJ playing all of your favorite jams from the 70s to the 90s.

Boxing Day Special December 26 from 1030 to 1330

Celebrate this special day with prize giveaways all day and chances to receive up to 50 percent off your tab. Enjoy our Day-After Christmas brunch with a mouth-watering buffet including Honey Glazed Ham, Roast Beef, Home-Baked Macaroni and Cheese and more for \$12.95 Adult. \$6.95 Child 12 years of age and under. At 1800 eniov a Kernel Popcorn performance.

Club Alliance 243-5951

Attitude Adjustment Fridays from 1700 to 1900

Upper Deck Sports Bar

Japan Jam Comedians December 16 at 1900

Featuring Scott White and Mike Merryfield

Christmas Eve Holiday Celebration December 24 from 2100 to 0200

Join us as we party the night away with our DJ playing all of your favorite jams and free finger food, too.

Join us at Club Alliance **Every Saturday**

at 1200 for your chance to take home grand prizes of \$2,500, \$5,000 or \$10,000 and a quaranteed \$ 1,000 giveaway for the last game Can't wait till the weekend? Then join us at the #1138 CPO Club every Tuesday & Thursday at 1800

Negishi Club 242-4151

Mexican Platter Fridays

Sunday Brunch Sundays from 0900 to 1400

Enjoy a relaxing break with delicious food. Adult \$7.95. Child \$4.

Mongolian Barbeque Tuesdays

Holiday Meals December 25

Enjoy a holiday breakfast from 0900 to 1100. Later on, enjoy our Christmas buffet featuring roast turkey with all the trimmings from 1200 to 2000 for \$11.95 adult and \$5.95 child 5 to 11.

Officers' Club 243-5002

Christmas Day Dinner Feast December 25 from 1500 to 2000 at Kosano Dining Room

Don't miss this fabulous holiday all you can eat buffet feast including turkey and all of the trimmings. Bring the entire family and get mom out of the kitchen on this special day. Reservations recommended. Adult \$14.95, child 8

Christmas Brunch Extravaganza December 26 from 0900 to 1330

to 11 \$7.95. Child 4 to 7 \$5.95.

Enjoy a magnificent brunch with all of these delicious favorites you have come to expect complete with champagne. An added bonus is entertainment provided by balloon artist and magician Kernel Popcorn. Please call for details.

Seaside Club 243-3379

Customer Appreciation Day December 21 from 1100 to 1330

Join us for our lunch buffet including hot/iced tea, soda, coffee, juice, milk or hot chocolate for only \$5 per person.

Family Night December 24 from 1700 to 2100

Take your family out for dinner and receive a 10 percent discount on your entire tab. Children 11 years of age and under receive a free balloon too.

CPO Club 243-5606

Winter Begins Today Day December 21

Receive 50 percent off all a la carte dessert selections and celebrate with a free cup of coffee or tea to warm you up during dinner hours only.

Christmas Eve Buffet December 24 from 1200 to 1900

Enjoy a delicious selection of salads, appetizers, turkey, ham, roast beef entrees, seafood and a vummy selection of cakes, pies and sweets for only \$14.95 per person.

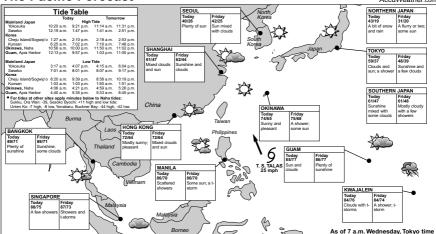


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Extended Forecasts

TOKYO Saturday: Showers, high 56, low 47. Sunday: Partly sunny high 54, low 41.

KADENA

Saturday: Periods of clouds and sunshine, high 76, low 65 Sunday: Partly sunny high 74, low 65.

SEOUL Saturday: Partly sunny,

high 39, low 16. Sunday: Periods of clouds and sunshine high 32, low 13.

MANILA

Saturday: Periods of clouds and sunshine, high 86, low 69. Sunday: Mostly cloudy, high 85, low 70.

HAGATNA Saturday: Thunderstorms,

high 87, low 77. Sunday: Thunderstorms. high 84, low 75.

Tuesday's USA Temperatures

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CITY	HIGH/LOW	CITY	HIGH/LOW
Albuquerque	49/28	Los Angeles	78/53
Amarillo	47/24	Little Rock	41/17
Anchorage	33/18	Louisville	33/16
Asheville	33/18	Miami	77/50
Baltimore	40/22	Milwaukee	28/17
Birmingham	40/18	Nashville	34/17
Bismarck	46/25	New York	39/24
Boise	50/32	Omaha	38/22
Boston	37/18	Orlando	59/36
Brownsville	62/38	Philadelphia	41/22
Buffalo	22/19	Phoenix	77/52
Burlington	21/4	Pittsburgh	28/18
Charleston, SC		Portland, OR	55/38
Charlotte	43/20	Portland, ME	30/10
Cleveland	29/19	Salt Lake City	
Columbus, OH	30/18	St. Louis	32/16
Duluth	22/14	San Antonio	55/26
El Paso	51/26	San Diego	71/54
Hartford	33/12	San Juan	85/74
Helena	44/29	Tampa	61/36
Indianapolis	29/15	Tulsa	42/20
Jacksonville	51/25	Washington	41/24
Kansas City	35/22	Wichita	40/24



U.S. Extended Forecast

High pressure shifting into the Southeast on Thursday will provide welcome relief from the cold for the Northeast as winds shift to a more southwesterly direction and produce warmer temperatures for much of the region. A storm system moving across the Great Lakes will bring a mix of rain and snow to the Midwest as the associated cold front collects moisture from the Great Lakes and Gulf of Mexico. The western Gulf Coast will get a few showers as moisture is drawn into the Southern states. An area of low pressure tracking up the Atlantic coast Friday may provide snow or mixed precipitation to the mid-Atlantic states and New England if it continues to hug the

Thursday's Pacific Temperatures

Thursday's World Temperatures

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Bangkok	89/71	lwakuni	61/41	Sasebo NB	61/47	Acapulco	86/72	Budapest	41/34	Kabul	54/31	Nairobi	81/55	
Beijing	41/27	Kadena AB	74/65	Sapporo	43/19	Athens	51/41	Buenos Aires	79/64	Kiev	34/26	New Delhi	84/56	
Camp Casey	42/27	Kunsan AB	48/36	Seoul	40/26	Auckland	66/50	Cairo	60/40	Kuwait	62/34	Oslo	40/33	
Christchurch	55/40	Kwajalein	84/76	Shanghai	61/47	Baghdad	47/24	Cancun	73/61	London	50/38	Paris	48/35	
Diego Garcia	87/79	Manila	86/70	Singapore	88/75	Barbados	85/69	Cape Town	85/63	Madrid	53/42	Rio de Janeiro	78/69	
Hagatna	85/77	Misawa AB	44/19	Sydney	76/63	Barcelona	53/43	Geneva	44/37	Mexico City	61/46	Rome	53/43	
Hanoi	75/63	Osan	43/29	Taegu	51/33	Berlin	44/36	Istanbul	43/35	Montreal	31/16	St. Petersburg	36/30	
Hong Kong	72/64	Perth	86/61	Taipei	75/62	Bermuda	61/51	Jerusalem	52/34	Mogadishu	89/75	Stockholm	39/34	
Honolulu	82/66	Pusan	53/37	Tokyo	59/37	Brussels	48/33	Johannesbur	81/54	Moscow	29/22	Warsaw	40/33	



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AFN-Sports, 9:30 a.m.—NBA: Detroit at ew York. AFN-Sports, 12:30 p.m.—NBA: Utah at Phoe nix.

AFN-Sports, 5 p.m.—College basketball: De-Paul at Northwestern (did).

AFN-Sports, 8 p.m.—NBA: Orlando at San Antonio (did).

Friday

AFN-Sports, 2:30 a.m. - NBA: Utah at Phoe nix (dld).

AFN-Sports, 10 a.m.—NBA: Cleveland at De-AFN-Atlantic, 11 a.m.—College basketball: Ohio State at Texas Tech. AFN-Sports, 12:30 p.m.—NBA: L.A. Lakers at Sacramonto at Sacramento.

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College basketball

AP Men's Top 25

The top 25 teams in The Associated Press' men's college basketball poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, records through Dec. 12, total points based on 25 points for a first-place vote through one point for a 25th-place vote and last week's ranking:

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New Mexico 9, Hawaii 6, A	rkansas 5, Oregon
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Iowa St. 1. WisMilwauke	e 1.

AP Men's Top 25 fared

Monday Illinois (9-0) did not play. Next: vs. Valparalso, Sunday.

2. Kansas (6-0) did not play. Next: vs. South Carolina, Saturday.

3. Georgia Tech (6-0) did not play. Next: vs. James Madison, Wednesday,

4. Oklahoma State (7-0) did not play. Next: at INNI V. Saturday. UNLV, Saturday. 5. North Carolina (7-1) did not play. Next: 5. North Carlons and Art Virginia Tech, Sunday, 6. Wake Forest (7-1) beat Temple 67-64. Next: vs. Elon, Wednesday, 7. Duke (6-0) did not play. Next: vs. Illi- J. Duke (b-U) did not play. Next: vs. Illi-nois-Chicago, Tuesday.
 Syracuse (8-1) did not play. Next: vs. Drexel, Saturday.
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11. Connecticut (4-) did not play, Next: vs. Rice. Sunday.

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23. Mdryianu (3-2) did not piay. Next: vs. Florida State, Sunday. 24. Virginia (7-1) did not play. Next: vs. Loyola Marymount, Thursday, Dec. 23. 25. Cincinnati (6-0) did not play. Next: vs. Monday's men's scores

College of N.J. 87, N.Y. Tech 80 FDU-Florham 103, Hunter 61 Geneva 72, Grove City 53 Lafayette 95, CS Northridge 89, OT Medgar Evers 73, Brooklyn 58 Moravian 93, Drew 33 Wake Forest 67, Temple 64 Washington & Jefferson 77, Union, N.Y. 68 Westminster, Pa. 95, La Roche 89 Yeshiva 74, Lehman 64 York, Pa. 81, Juniata 55

Catawba 97, North Greenville 71 Florida A&M 85, Southern U. 81 Goshen 83, Palm Beach Atlantic 74, OT Mississippi 87, Nicholls 15, S Mississippi 87, Nicholls 15, S Mississippi 81, 74, New Orleans 59 North Géorgia 89, Emmanuel 74 S. Carolina St. 77, Savannah 51. 55

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AP Women's Top 25 The top 25 teams in The Associated Press women's college basketball poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, records through Dec. 12, total points based on 25 points for a first-place vote and last week's point for a 28th-place vote and last week's

	Record	Pts Pvs
1. LSU (45)	8-0	1.125 1
2. Stanford	7-0	1,055 2 985 3
3. Duke	8-1	985 3
4. Texas	4-2	928 4
North Carolina	8-1	908 5
6. Baylor	7-1	906 6 875 7
7. Notre Dame	9-1	875 7
8. Connecticut	4-1	826 8
9. Tennessee	5-2	791 9
10. Ohio St.		753 10
Michigan St.	8-1	677 12
12. Texas Tech	5-1	645 13
13. Minnesota	8-1	506 16
14. Boston College	7-1	
15. Georgia	7-3	445 11
16. UCLA"	6-1	416 18
17. Vanderbilt	7-1	385 14
18. Maryland	7-1	329 19 303 22
19. Houston	8-0	303 22
20. Purdue	6-2	292 21
21. DePaul	6-2	260 15 220 20
22. Rutgers 23. Arizona St.	7-1	220 20
	8-0	124 -
24. Iowa 25. Kansas St.	8-0 5-2	109 — 74 25
Others receiving votes	Arizona	40, Utan
35, TCU 30, Georgia Tech 2 mond 16, Tulsa 16, N.C.	eo, Oregoi	Villanous
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1. LSU (8-0) did not play. Next: at No. 16 1. LSU (8-0) did not play. Next: at No. 16 Minnesota, Tuesday.
2. Stanford (7-0) did not play. Next: at Missouri, Saturday,
3. Duke (8-1) did, not play. Next: vs. Jacksonville State, Wednesday.
4. Texas (4-2) did not play. Next: at North Texas, Thursday,
5. North Carolina (8-1) did not play. Next: vs. Georgia State at Myrtle Beach, S.C., Sun-

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10. Ohlo State (3-1) beat Pennsylvania 70-57. Next: at Oregon, Saturday lay, Next: vs. Texas A&A-Corpus Christi, Sunday, 12. Texas Tech G-1) did not play, Next: vs. 12. Texas Tech (1-1) did not play, Next: vs. 13. Minnesota (6-1) did not play, Next: vs. No. 1. Sunday, Next: vs. No. 1. Sunday, Next: vs. No. 1. Sunday, Next: vs. Saint Joseph's, Wednesday, Dec. 22. 15. Georgia (7-3) did not play, Next: at 15. Georgia (7-3) did not play, Next: at

lona, Sunday. 16, UCLA (6-1) did not play. Next: at Illinois.

Sunday.
17. Vanderbilt (7-1) did not play. Next: vs. BYU at Malibu, Calif., Monday.
18. Maryland (7-1) did not play. Next: vs. Coopin State, Monday.
19. Houston (8-0) did not play. Next: at Ha-wali. Thursday.
19. Houston (8-0) did not play. Next: vs. No. 3 buke at Indianapolis, Sabtrday.
21. DePaul (6-2) did not play. Next: at Northern Illinois, Wednesday. nern Illinois, Wednesday. Rutgers (5-2) lost to Temple 71-60. vs. Clemson. Saturday.

22. Rutgers (5-2) lost to Temple 71-80. ext: vs. Clemson, Saturday. 23. Arizona State (7-1) did not play. Next: t New Mexico, Saturday. 24. Iowa (8-0) did not play. Next: at Drake, 25. Kansas State (5-2) did not play. Next: vs. Alabama at Sprinofield. Mo., Saturday.

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Monday's women's scores

Hartford 65, Fairfield 55 Iona 64, Sacred Heart 54 Lehman 67, Centenary, N.J. 53 Moravian 76, Drew 68 N.Y. Tech 52, S. New Hampshir

Florida A&M 52, Savannáh St. 48 Kennesaw 86, West Georgia 79 Louislana Tech 62, Alcorn St. 61 Louislana-Lafayette 85, Prairie View 24 Miami 69, UCF 50 North Georgia 60, Emmanuel 47 Xavier, NO 75, Nicholls St. 60 MIDWEST

Augustana, III, 70, Cornell, Iowa 42 Châdron St. 100, Colo. Colo. Springs 71 Dubuque 93, Harris-Stowe Edgewood 54, Clife St. 200, Colo. Colo. Springs 71 Dubuque 93, Harris-Stowe Engineering 36 Michigan Tech 76, Finlandia 43 Nebraška-Omaha 76, CSU-Pueblo 50 North Dakota 96, Minn.-Crookston 65 Rockford 61, Greenville 46 Upper Iowa 76, Wist-LaCrosse 73

Bowl glance

Tuesday, Dec. 14 New Orleans Bowl Payout: \$750,000 North Texas (7-4) vs. Southern (6-5)

Friday, Dec. 24 Hawaii Bowl

At Honolulu
Payout: \$750,000
vs. Hawaii (7-5)
Monday, Dec. 27
MPC Computers Bowl
At Boise, Idaho
Payout: \$750,000
cate (8-3) vs. Virginia (8-3) IIAR (7-4) vs

Troy (7-4) vs s (8-3)

EAST ៩ Hampshire 44

N.Y. Tech 52, S. New Hampshire 44 Ohio St. 70, Penn 57 Temple 71, Rutgers 60 SOUTH Armstrong Atlantic 86, Fayetteville Charleston Southern 66, Benedict 51 Delta St. 88, Central Baptist 36 Florida A&M 52, Savannah 5t. 48

Upper lowa 76, Wis.-LaCrosse 73
SOUTHWEST
HOuston Baptist 104, Texas A&M-International 67
Oral Roberts 103, St. Gregory's 40
Tarleton St. 70, W. Texas A&M 60
FAR WEST
Air Force 67, N. Ciolorado 62
E. Washington 65, UC Irvine 50

College football

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North Texas (7-4) vs. Southern Missis

Tuesday, Dec. 22

Champs Sports Bowl
At Orlando, Fla.

Georgia Texas (1988), Dec. 22

GMAG Bowl
Mobile, Ala.

Memphis (8-3 payout: \$150,000

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Oc.3) VS. Bowling Green (
Thursday, Dec. 23
Fort Worth (Texas) Bowl
Payout: \$750,000
ati (6-5) vs. Marshall (6-5)
Las Vegas Bowl
Payout: \$575,000
g (6-5) vs. Ucla (6-5)
Friday Dec.

Payout \$750,000

Payout \$750,000

Motor Detroit

Topical Payout \$750,000

At Shreveport La.

Independence Bowl

At Shreveport La.

6-5) VS. Main! (Ohlo) (5-4)

Insight Bowl

Payout \$750,000

At \$6(5-5) VS. Notre Dame (6-5)

Houston Bowl

Payout \$150,000

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Paso (8-3) vs. Colorado Alamo Bowl At San Antonio Payout: \$1,55 million e (7-4) vs. Oklahoma St Thursday, Dec. 30 Continental Tire Bowl At Charlotte, N.C. Payout: \$750,000 college (8-3) vs. North

College (8-3) vs. North Emerald Bowl At San Francisco Payout: \$750,000 clco (7-4) vs. Navy (9-2) Holiday Bowl Payout: \$2 million (9-1) vs. Feva Tech Silicon Valley Classified At San Jose, Calif. At San Jose, Calif. At San Jose, Calif. Friday, Pec. 31 Music City Bowl Payout: \$780,000 (6-5) vs. Minnesota (6-Sun Bowl

Payout: \$780,000

Alabama (6-5) vs. Minnesota (6-5)

Sun Bowl

At El Paso, Texas

Payout: \$1.5 million

Purdue (7-4) vs. Arizona State (8-3)

Liberty Bowl At Memphis, Tenn. Payout: \$1.35 million Boise State (11-0) vs. Louisville Peach Bowl At Atlanta

Payout: \$2.2 millio ni (8-3) vs. Florida (7-4) Saturday, Jan. 1 Cotton Bowl At Dallas

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nia (8-3) Payout: \$5.187 m lowa (9-2) vs. LSU (9-2) Rose Rowl

(9-2) lose Bowl At Pasadena, Calif. Payout: \$14.5 million (9-2) vs. Texas (10-1) vs. Texas (10-1) Fiesta Rowl At Tempe, Ariz.

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vs. South East-West Shrine Classic At San Francisco

At San I East vs. West Saturday, Jan. 22 Hula Bowl At Maui, Hawaii At Mau, Aina vs. Kai 7 Saturday, Jan. 29 Senior Bowl At Mobile, Ala.

NCAA Div. I-AA playoffs

NCAA DIV. 1-AA playotts Semifinals Friday, Dec. 10 James Madison 48, William & Mary 34 Saturday, Dec. 11 Montana 44, Sam Houston State 13 Friday, Dec. 17 At Finley Stadium/Davenport Field Chattaneoga, Tenn. James Madison (12-2) vs. Montana (12-2) ion State, senior; Jamaal Brimmer, UNLV; se ilor; Charles Gordon, Kansas, sophomore ason Allen, Tennessee, junior. **Punters** — Daniel Sepulveda, Baylor, soph

NCAA Div. III playoffs

Semifinals
Saturday, Dec. 11
Mary Hardin-Baylor 38, Mount U
Linfield, Ore. 52, Rowan, N.J.
Championship
Saturday, Dec. 18
Stagg Bowl
At Salem Stadium
Salem, Va.

Mary Hardin-Baylo (12-0)

NAIA playoffs

Championship Saturday, Dec. 18 At Jim Carroll Stadium Hardin County, Tenn. roll Mont

AP All-America Team

FIRST TEAM Offense - Matt Leinart, Southern Cali-Quarterback — Matt Leiners, Socialionia, Junior.

Running backs — Adrian Peterson, Oklahoma, freshman; J.J. Arrington, California, se

ma, fresh Wide receivers — Braylon Edwards, Michi-an, senior; Taylor Stubblefield, Purdue, se-

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senior; Antrel Rolle, Miami, senior; Marlin Jackson, Michigan, senior; Ernest Shazor. Michigan, senior.

Punter — Brandon Fields, Michigan State,

SECOND TEAM Offense Quarterback — Alex Smith, Utah, Junior. Running backs — Cedric Benson, Texas, seior; Carnell Williams, Auburn, senior. Wide receivers — Dante Ridgeway, Ball tate, junior; Mark Clayton, Oklahoma, se-

lor, tender, Mark Cayton, Okanionia, se-lor, tender, Alex Smith, Stanford, senior. Center – Marvin Philip, California, junior, Guards-tackles – Chris Kemoeatu, Utah, enior; Marcus McNeil, Auburn; junior; Dan tuenning, Wisconsin, senior; Jonathan

luenning, Wisconsin, senior;' Jonathar cott, Texas; junior. K — Tyler Jones, Boise State; senior. All-purpose — Chad Owens, Hawaii, se

nior. Defense
Linemen – Jonathan Goddard, Marshall, senior; Dan Cody, Oklahoma, senior; Matt Roth, Iowa, senior; Ryan Riddle, California, senior. Linebackers — Ahmad Brooks, Virginia sophonore; Michael Boley, Southern Missis sippi, senior; Kevin Burnett, Tennessee, se ifor.

Defensive backs — Corey Webster, LSU, se-ifor; Thomas Davis, Georgia, junior; Junior losegreen, Auburn, senior; Morgan Scalley.

Utah, senior.
Punter — Matt Payne, BYU, senior
THIRD TEAM
Offense

Offense Quarterback — Jason White, Oklahoma, se-Quarterback — Jason White, Okianoma, Ser Running backs — Jamario Thomas, North exas, freshman; DeAngelo Williams, Mem-hise, Junior, Roddy White, UAB, Senior, Tight ends — Trey Haverty, Texas Tech, se-

Center — Ben Wilkerson, LSU, senior. Guards-tackies — Rob Petitti, Pittsburgh, enior; Sam Mayes, Oklahoma State, senior; Vesley Britt, Alabama, senior; Travis Lef-ew, Louisville, junior. Kicker — Andrew Wellock, Eastern Michi-All-purpose – Ted Ginn Jr., Ohio State,

All-purpose - Ied Ginn Jr., Ohio State, reshihan. Defense
Linemen — Mathias Kiwanuka, Boston Colege, Junior; Mike Patterson, Southern Caliornia, senior; Travis Johnson, Florida State, enior; Jonathan Babineaux, Iowa, senior, enior, Jonathan Babineaux, Iowa, senior, enior, Lota Tatupu, Southern California, Junor Leroy Hill, Gierson, senior, Lota Tatupu, Southern California, Junor Leroy Hill, Gierson, senior; John State, senior; Jamaal Brimmer, UNIX, ys. and State, senior and State, senior; Jamaal Brimmer, UNIX, ys. and State, senior; Jamaal Brimmer, Jamaal Brimmer, Jamaal Brimmer, Jamaal Brimmer, Jamaal Brimmer, Jamaal Brimmer, Jamaal Brimmer

High school

Japan boys basketball
Tuesday's summary
Yokota 59, 51, Mary's International 39
At Yokota Air Base, Japan
uarter scores not available. Leading score
upper 17, Kenny Harris 8, Shamarr Howe
William Lawrey 7, Leading rebounderotta, Calveon Thomas 12.

Deals

Monday's transactions

CHICAGOLAND SPEEDWAY—Named Meier Raivich director of public relations. EVERNHAM MOTORSPORTS—Named Rich-ard Labbe crew chief for Jeremy Mayfield's team and Chris Andrews crew chief for Bill Elliott's team.

BASEBALL
American League
ANAHEIM ANGELS—Agreed to terms with
HIP Steban Yan on a two-year contract.
BALTIMORE OROLES—Named Kennle
teenstra pitching coach for Delmarva of
he South Atlantic League.
CHICAGO WHITE SOX—Waived RHP Dan

CHICAGO WHITE SOX—Waived RHP Dan Wright for the purpose of granting his unconditional release. Traded OF CarloS Lee to Milwaukee for OF Scott Podsednik, RHP Luis Vizcaino and a player to be named. CLEVELAND INDIANS—Agreed to terms with INF Jose Hermandez on a one-year content of the property of the property of the property of the property of the purpose of the pur

ract.
TAMPA BAY DEVIL RAYS—Acquired RHP ungel García from Arizona for cash.

ARIZONA DIAMONDBACKS—Agreed to
erms with C kelly Stinnett on a minor
eague contract. Designated LHP Shane
lance for assignment. Released RHP Anrew Good.

**LORIDA MARLINS—Agreed to terms with

PLORIDA MARLINS—Agreed to terms with RHP Todd Jones on a one-year contract. MILWAUKEE RREWERS—Traded RHP Mar-cos Carvajal to Colorado for two minor league players to be named or cash. Ac-quired RHP Alex, Zumwalt from Atlanta to complete an earlier trade. complete an earlier trade.

MONTREAL EXPOS—Agreed to terms with
MONTREAL EXPOS—Agreed to terms with
OF Jeffrey Harmonds on a minor league contract. Designated OF Ron Calloway for assignment. Waived LHP Chad Bentz for the
purpose of granting his unconditional release.

SAN FRANCISCO GIANTS—Agreed to terms with C Mike Matheny on a three-year con-

tract.

BASKETBALL

National Basketball Association

NBA—Fined Portland coach Maurice
Cheeks 57.500 for failing to leave the court in Cheeks \$7,500 for failing to leave the court in a timely manner in a Dec. 9 game at Utah, CLEVELAND CAVALIERS—Placed G-F Luke Jackson on the injured list. Activated G bajuan Wagner from the injured list. HDIANA PACEPS—Signed F Michael Curry. Waived F Tremaine Fowlkes.

FOOTBALL

National Football League
CHICAGO BEARS—Claimed 5 Jason Shivers
off St. Louis' practice squad.
NEW YORK JETS—Signed G Jason Nerys to
the practice squad. Released C Drew Caylor
from the practice squad.

HOME TEAM

Panthers' Jackson has interior motives

Kadena junior on a mission to rule the lane

BY DAVE ORNAUER Stars and Strings

KADENA AIR BASE Okinawa - During the flight home to Okinawa from the Hong Kong basketball tournament, Z'aire Jackson stewed.

His Kadena Panthers had performed well during the event on Thanksgiving weekend, but not as well as they had

hoped. They finished third. Losses to St. Mary's International of Tokyo and Singapore American and an excruciating 76-72 defeat to Kadena's hated Okinawa rival Kubasaki, burned in Jack-

son's memory. "It lit a fire under me, and it's still lit." Jackson said.

Ever since, said his coach Robert Bliss, the 6-foot-3 junior has "been on a mission The latest results from his mission: 87

points, 54 rebounds and 11 blocked shots in Kadena's past two games, a 95-79 win over Japanese team Maehara Dec. 4 and a 103-93 revenge triumph over the Dragons last Friday.

"That we knew we could have finished first in Hong Kong and we didn't" is stoking such blazing performances, Jackson said.

"He has stepped it up a notch," Bliss said. "We had trouble in Hong Kong finishing games. I think it's something he doesn't want to repeat.

Kadena (6-3) has won five consecutive games, and Jackson predicts, "This is going to carry through the rest of the season

It's also the play Bliss expected from Jackson since he arrived for the 2003-04 season when his father, Air Force Master Sgt. Anthony Jones, was transfered to Kadena's 353rd Special Operations Group from Shaw Air Force Base, S.C.

Jackson played a season at Crestwood High, in Columbia, S.C., before arriving at Kadena and immediately securing a spot in the lineup.

The Panthers fared well last season, finishing 15-12, including a season sweep of Kubasaki, but they did not place in last February's Far East Class AA Tournament.

"When we went to Far East, we had too many mental breakdowns and I was in-



DAVE ORNAUER/Stars and Strine

Kadena forward Z'aire Jackson (33) has averaged 26.1 points and 17.6 rebounds per

game, and in his past two games racked up 87 points, 54 rebounds and 11 blocked shots; too," Jackson recalled. "We could have done a lot better."

He set about changing that in Kadena's first game this season, a 108-64 romp over Naha High, a Japanese team. In just two quarters, Jackson had 27 points and 14 rehounds

In Hong Kong, Jackson averaged 21.8 points and 15 rebounds in six games, help-

Friday over host E.J. King. The

senior added 12 points each in

the Red Devils' 79-31 and

75-40 victories Saturday over

Matthew C. Perry and E.J. King.

an excellent job of leading the

team." coach Nathan Brewster

said. "He has led by example in

practice and in games. He has

also improved his game since

last year by playing outstanding

defense, selecting good shots

and including assists on his stat

The team captain "has done

ing Kadena rebound from the losses with three striaght wins.

Then came the astounding totals he posted in the past two games, which he attributes to his attitude about playing inside it's his personal domain.

His teammates say that attitude - and Jackson's determination - has raised their level of play

"If he's hot, my mind-set, and those of the guards, is to get him the ball and let him do his thing," said senior guard and team captain Tyler Schmidt. "We're going to feed off of that. It helps us play better.'

Of his 54 rebounds in the past two games, 35 came off the offensive glass, including 23 against Maehara.

Jackson's play "helps out a lot, especially the younger kids. It gives them a chance to shoot, and they know that he's there if they miss, and they'll get a chance to do it again," Schmidt said.

Kubasaki coach Chris Sullivan is suffi-ciently impressed with Jackson's performance thus far, calling him "probably the most dominant inside player in the whole

"He's grown and developed so much in one year, from a good player to a dominant player on the floor. Last year, we knew he had good jumping ability, but this year, he has the strength," Sullivan said, "He has a nose for the ball on the offensive end, and that will get you 10 to 12 points."

But Jackson has aspects of his game to work on too, his coach said.

"He does so many things inside well," Bliss said. "He shoots, rebounds and follows shots so well. Nobody's found an answer for him inside. But we want to create situations where he shoots on the perimeter better. The only thing he has to work on is his shooting.

Jackson knows being 6-3 might make him a giant in the Pacific, but it also would make him among the shorter players on a stateside college team. Realizing his baskethall future might hinge on outside shooting, he is practicing it more.

"But I don't get much chance to use it," he said. "I'm always working on the inside?

He says he's often thought of what he'd be like with a more well-rounded game and where he'd like to take his game after

More immediately, Jackson and Schmidt said they believe Kadena has a legitimate shot to win its first Class AA title since 1999 and make its first center court appearance since 2001.

"We're better than we were last year." Schmidt said. "If we keep playing the way we have, I think we have a really good chance

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ATHLETES OF THE WEEK

Leonard Lynce

Nile C. Kinnick High School

Last week: Averaged 19 points per game as the Red Devils improved to 7-0 with four road victories, one in the Kanto Plain Association of Secondary Schools and three in a Japan League weekend series at Sasebo Naval Base. I vnce opened the week with 25

points in Kinnick's 71-49 triumph Tuesday over American School In Japan. He then scored 27 points in Kinnick's 81-51 win Selected by Stars and Stripes staff.



Taisha Brown

Taegu American High School South Korea

Last week: Averaged 12 points and 16 rebounds per game as the Warriors won all three games they played and improved to 4-0 in the Ko rean-American Interscholastic Activities Conference campaign.

Brown, a freshman, began eek with eight points and 14 rebounds Wednesday as Taegu downed Pusan American 51-29. She followed

that with 14 points and 16 rebounds in a 53-20 Selected by Stars and Stripes staff.



victory over Taeion Christian International on Friday. On Saturday. Taegu whipped Seoul Foreign 50-33 behind Brown's 14 points and 18 rebounds.

Coach Michelle Chandler said she "had been waiting for many years for Taisha to hit the ninth grade, as I knew she would be a huge contributor ... Not only is she a talented athlete, she is an honor-roll student and a model citizen. She works hard, never complains and hustles at all

Talks stall after owners, players reject offers



Commissioner Gary Bettman said. "The [union's 24-percent salary] rollback is, in and of itself, not a system and we have had a full decade as to how the old system operates. Our unanimous conclusion was that the union proposal does not work.

No negotiations on tap as lockout hits its 90th day

BY ROB GILLIES

The Associated Pres-

- The NHL rejected last week's proposal by the players' association and then had its own counteroffer turned down Tuesday during a 31/2-hour negotiating session.

NHL Commissioner Gary Bettman said the offer made by the union last Thursday, which featured a 24-percent salary rollback, was a "big-time, significant and meaningful move" but was a short-term fix that wouldn't cure the league's financial troubles in the long run.

After consulting with the 30 team owners. Bettman said the offer that didn't contain cost certainty - a direct link between revenues and player costs - was rejected on the 90th day of the lockout.

"The rollback is, in and of itself, not a system and we have had a full decade as to

how the old system operates," Bettman said. "Our unanimous conclusion was that the union proposal does not work. It is fatally flawed as a system going forward.

Bettman said the NHL's counteroffer was then rejected.

"My hope is that the union leadership recognizes that the owners' resolve is great." Bettman said. "We only know of one approach to meaningfully fix our problems

Bettman said no negotiating sessions have been scheduled

That moves the NHL closer to becoming the first North American sports league to lose an entire season to a labor dispute. There might be a month left to salvage the season. The last NHL lockout ended with a deal on Jan. 11, 1995, allowing for a 48-game regular season.

"As I've said all along, it's about getting the right deal," Bettman said. "I would hope at some point it gets to where it's relevant. if not. we'll start up whenever we have a new deal.

"We haven't focused on what a semblance of a season would be. We're serious about fixing this the right way.'

The union's proposal also contained a luxury tax, a revenue sharing plan, a lower cap on entry-level contracts and bonuses,

and an offer to allow teams to take players to arbitration.

But because it doesn't guarantee what each team will be require to pay its players, it didn't meet the solution the owners are seeking

"You either know your costs or you don't," Bettman said.

The NHL hadn't given the players' association an offer since July 21, when it presented six possible concepts to provide a framework for the league's first new collective bargaining agreement in a decade.

All six were rejected by the players on Aug. 17, and negotiations that followed over the next month failed to move the sides closer to resolving the philosophical difference of a salary cap. Talks broke off Sept. 9 when owners

turned down an offer, and the lockout was imposed a week later by Bettman. Players and owners stayed apart from early September until last Thursday

Ottawa Senators owner Eugene Melnyk reportedly told Bettman that the salary rollback offered by players wasn't enough to end the lockout.

"It's not a solution," Melnyk, who pulled the Senators out of bankruptcy, told The Ot-tawa Sun. "It's a one-shot deal that doesn't work.

Wake edges Temple

PHILADELPHIA - Trent Strickland scored all nine of his points in the final nine minutes and No. 6 Wake Forest went 5-for-6 from the free

Top 25

throw line over the final two minutes to hold off Temple 67-64 on Mon-

roundup day night.
Eric Williams, who along with fellow starter Chris Paul was disciplined for 5 minutes for being late for the team bus on the way to the game, had 17 points for the Demon Deacons (7-1), while Justin Gray added 15.

Paul, the leading vote-getter on the AP's preseason All-America team, and Williams were held out of the starting lineup for being 2 minutes late for the bus. Paul finished with nine points and eight assists for the Demon Deacons, who were coming off a nine-day break for exams.

Mardy Collins had a season-high 25 points for Temple (3-5). Dustin Salisbery's three-pointer hit the rim with one second

"Trent Strickland is a winner. He stepped up big for us on both ends of the court. We have to give him a game ball," Paul said. "He gets the emotion going for us."

In Monday's other Top 25 game:

No. 20 Mississippi St. 74, New Orleans 59: In New Orleans, Shane Power scored 17 points and Mississippi State extended

its road winning streak to 13 games Lawrence Roberts and Jamall Edmondson each scored 14 points, Ontario Harper added 11 and Winsome Frazier finished with 10 for the Bulldogs (8-2), who have

won six of seven. New Orleans' Bo McCalebb, who ranks 10th in the nation with a 22.5 point average, was limited to 16. New Orleans (3-4) had its two-game winning streak stopped.



Wake Forest's Vytas Danelius, center, struggles to find room under the basket Monday against Temple's Keith Butler, left, and Mark Tyndale.

Air Force defeated by Lamar in OT

The Associated Press

BEAUMONT, Texas Teddy Davis' two free throws started an 8-0 overtime run that led Lamar to a 66-59 victory over Air Force on Monday. Jason Grant hit two free throws with 42 seconds left in regulation to give Lamar a 50-47 lead. But Air Force's Nick Welch drove in for a layup, was fouled and completed the three-point play.

Welch scored a game-high 20 points. Antoine Hood added 13 points for Air Force (6-4).

Raymond Anthony led Lamar (4-2) with 15 points on five-of-10 shooting, including four three-pointers.

The Falcons' next game is at

BYU promotes assistant Mendenhall to head coach

PROVO. Utah - Defensive coordinator Bronco Mendenhall was hired Monday as the football coach at Brigham Young. Mendenhall replaces Gary Crowton, who stepped down two weeks ago after his

third losing season. 'I'm ready to take this program to where it should be," Mendenhall said during a

news conference Mendenhall and longtime BYU assistant Lance Reynolds, who has been interim coach since Crowton's resignation, were the in-house candidates to replace Crowton.

BYU also interviewed Utah defensive coordinator Kyle Whittingham, but he accepted an offer to take over for Urban Meyer at Utah. Meyer took the job at Florida

N.C. State RB McLendon going pro

RALEIGH, N.C. - North Carolina State tailback T.A. McLendon, an injury-prone runner who never matched the promise he NCAA

will skip his senior season and enter the NFL Draft He had 35 touchdowns for N.C. State, third-best in school history.

After being picked ACC rookie of the year with 1,101 yards rushing and 16 touch downs, he missed four games as a sophomore, then struggled with shoulder and hamstring ailments this season

Oregon State aide hired as Army's AD WEST POINT, N.Y. - Former Oregon

State associate athletic director Kevin Anderson is the new athletic director at Army and the first black to hold the post at the academy.

Anderson served as executive associate athletic director for external affairs at Oregon. He replaces Rick Greenspan, who left the academy in September for a similar post at Indiana University.

"I love the tradition and I love what the

academy is all about - the mission of developing leaders who are not only going to lead on the field, but also lead this country after they graduate," Anderson said.

Anderson will start in January Glanville interested in NMSII ioh

LAS CRUCES, N.M. - Jerry Glanville says he is interested in becoming head foot-

ball coach at New Mexico State University. The head coach of the Houston Oilers from 1985 to 1989 and the Atlanta Falcons from 1990 to 1993, said via telephone from his home in Cumming, Ga., that his first

goal would be "not to be on anybody's schedule as homecoming opponent."

Brian Faison, NMSU athletic director.

declined comment on the viability of Glanville as a job candidate.

NCAA grants medical hardship waiver for Oklahoma DT Dvoracek

NORMAN, Okla. - Oklahoma's Dusty Dvoracek has been granted a medical hardship waiver by the NCAA, which will allow the defensive tackle who was kicked off the team in September to play a fifth season with the Sooners.

Dvoracek, a third-team All-American last season, was dismissed after he was involved in a har fight in Norman

Woman drops sexual assault lawsuit against Univ. of Colorado

DENVER - A former University of Colo rado soccer player dropped her federal lawsuit Monday, one of three at the heart of the sex-and-recruiting scandal surrounding the university's football team

The lawsuit, filed in January, alleged the athletic department retaliated against the woman after she talked to police about a football recruiting party where two other women say they were raped. She also claimed the department ignored her complaints of racial discrimination by her coach and teammates

Huskies make history with two high-profile black head coaches

Willingham joins basketball coach Romar at Washington

The Associated Press

SEATTLE — Tyrone Willing-ham and Lorenzo Romar are recognized as accomplished college coaches, the biggest reason Washington administrators are glad to have them working the sidelines.

The fact that both men are black and supervising the school's two most visible athletic programs is "a little bit extra," in the words of university president

Mark Emmert. It's also historic.

Willingham was introduced Monday as Washington's new football coach, two weeks after being fired at Notre Dame Romar is in his third season as coach of the men's basketball

Washington is the first school from a Bowl Championship Series conference to have two black men overseeing the two major sports since Temple of the Big East had Ron Dickerson as its football coach with longtime basketball coach John Chaney from

"We're delighted to have in Lorenzo Romar and Tyrone Willingham two first-rate coaches who are wonderful people

great character," Emmert said.
Willingham's hiring is news worthy for another reason. He's the first black head coach to be fired by one high-profile football

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most important hire in the

history of Husky football.

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The University of Washington chose former Notre Dame coach Tyrone Willingham, above, as its new head football coach on Monday. It is a return to the Pac-10 for Willingham, who previously coached at Stanford.

program and then quickly resurface at another.

"That is honestly significant," Willingham said. "With the old landscape, there have been limited opportunities for one to truly be able to get back into the system. I think that's a very positive

Romar, hired by former athletic director Barbara Hedges, leads a basketball team that reached the NCAA tournament last spring. The basketball Huskies, No 18 in this week's noll are evpected to contend for this sea-

son's Pac-10 title. Both Willingham and Roman said their positions at Washington represent progress for blacks, but insisted that job qualifications should always mean more than

"I'm excited as an alum and a

ty of Washington that our university is making progress and not using color as the No. 1 factor on whether they're going to hire someone," Romar said. "It's about who is the best qualified. Who is the best fit?

'This may be the most important hire in the history of Husky football," Romar said. "You can't make it a political hire

Said Willingham: "I am proud to be African American, but we should get to the point where that's not the focus, where it's really the body of work that a man does. I'm looking forward to increasing my body of work

Emmert and athletic director Todd Turner, who both are white said race wasn't a factor in Willingham's hire.

They simply wanted the best coach, and Willingham's name topped their list when Keith Gilbertson stepped down after a 1-10 season.

Emmert said the university would have used the same approach in hiring a college dean 'This is the man we wanted as

our coach," Emmert said. Willingham's firing at Notre Dame, after the third year of a ear contract, raised ques tions about whether he was given enough time to succeed and drew criticism from the Black Coaches

Association. Willingham was one of only five black head coaches in Division I-A last season. That number dropped to two after Tony Sam uel was fired at New Mexico State, Fitz Hill resigned at San Jose State and Willingham was

'Tyrone Willingham is an outstanding individual, in terms of the way he carries himself both in public and behind closed doors, BCA President Stan Wilcox said. "You couldn't find a better gentleman of character and respect within the football coaching community. He is going to do great things for Washington



II.S. skier Rode Miller, above, won a men's World Cup slalom on Monday night at Sestriere, Italy, and joined Marc Girardelli as the only male skiers to win races in all four alpine disciplines in one season.

U.S. skier Miller runs into record book again

American becomes second man to win races in all four alpine disciplines in same season

BY ANDREW DAMPF The Associated Press

SESTRIERE. Italy lights were on. The Olympic

course was glistening. The setting was perfect for Bode Miller to put his name in the

The World Cup leader won a night slalom Monday to join Marc Girardelli as the only male skiers to win races in all four alpine disciplines in one season

record book once more

"I don't feel any different than before," Miller said. "These are the kinds of things you tell your kids about.

Earlier this season. Miller won super-G and downhill races for the first time. He won a giant slalom Sunday at Val d'Isere, France

"At this point, I just really enjoy what I'm doing. I think being compared to some of the guys they're comparing me to is a unique opportunity," Miller said. "If you're happy with what you're doing, records don't mean as much. I think it's just fun to ski four events."

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Miller covered the course for the 2006 Turin Olympics in a two-run time of 1 minute, 39.03 seconds for his sixth victory in 10 races this season. That increased his lead on Austrian rival Hermann Majer in the overall stand-

Miller's ultimate goal is to become the first American man to win the overall title since Phil Mahre in 1983.

ings to 391 points.

Silvan Zurbriggen of Switzerland was second, a distant 1.27 seconds behind, for the first World Cup podium finish of his career. Kalle Palander of Finland was third 1.41 seconds back Girardelli became the first man

win slalom, giant slalom, super-G and downhill races in the same season in 1988-1989, over a two-month span. Miller compiled his victories in only 16 days.

Girardelli still has the edge on Miller, however. He also won a combined - a paper event based on the results of a slalom and downhill - that season. Miller will have a chance to match that in the first combined event this season in Wengen, Switzerland, on Jan. 14.







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Check this space every Thursday during the entire NFL season for the weeks Top Scores and Best Overall Scores during the NFL Challenge.

Suns improve league-best record to 18-3 Celtics

PHOENIX - The triple-digit scores, and the victories, keep piling up for the Phoenix Suns.

The latest was a 121-100 thumping of the Orlando Magic on Monday night, improving the Suns' record to 18-3, the best start in the 37-year history of the fran-

"Their record is not a fluke," Magic coach Johnny Davis said. 'They're that good. They actually put five guys on the floor who are capable of scoring 30 points on

any given night." The Suns, the NBA's highest-scoring team by a long shot, kept the throttle down even though Steve Nash was on the bench for long stretches with foul trouble

His backup, young Brazilian Leandro Barbosa, scored 19 points in 19 minutes.

"We've been trying to encourage him and get his confidence going," Nash said, "and tonight he was terrific.'

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Phoenix has won 14 of 15 for

the first time in eight seasons. "It means a lot." Amare Stoudemire said. "It's down to where I know we're not pretenders, we're

But teammate Quentin Richardson downplayed his team's

record with so many left to play. 'It's definitely a nice thing, but all of this means nothing if we start going downhill," he said 'We can talk about all that stuff at the end of the year. We've got a lot more goals than just a great

Richardson had 26 points, including six three-pointers, as the highest-scoring scored at least 120 points for the fourth time this season

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Minnesota at Toronto Chicago at Memphis Detroit at New York Golden State at New Orleans Atlanta at Houston

Stoudemire added 21 points. Shawn Marion had 19 points and

10 rebounds and Joe Johnson scored 18.

Nash, limited to 27 minutes, scored a season-low six points but had 10 assists. That's what made Barbosa's performance so impressive

"That's important for us because that gives Steve some rest," Suns coach Mike D'Antoni said "It doesn't make us so dependent

that we can't do without him.' Grant Hill scored 23 points Steve Francis 18 and Cuttino Mobley 15 for Orlando. Dwight Howard had 18 rebounds but was just 2-for-10 shooting.

The Magic played for the second night in a row, while Phoenix had been idle since Friday.

Nash was sitting with four fouls when the Suns outscored the Magic 18-8 to go up 88-77 on Marion's two free throws with 45.3 seconds left in the third quarter. Barbosa scored five, including a three-pointer, in the surge, which came after Orlando had cut the lead to 70-69.

three-pointers and Nash one in an 11-5 spurt to start the fourth quarter to give Phoenix a 99-84 lead with 9:16 to go. The Magic never

Heat 106, Wizards 83: At Miami, Shaquille O'Neal scored a season-high 40 points, and the Heat overcame the loss of leading scorer Dwyane Wade for their fifth straight victory.

got closer than 13 again.

Wade sprained his left ankle grabbing a loose ball with 3:18 left in the first half, and did not return A Heat snokesman said Wade's second-half absence was "more precautionary than any-

Cavaliers 92. Grizzlies 86: At Memphis, Tenn., LeBron James had 31 points, eight assists and seven steals for Cleveland.

Mavericks 94. Bulls 93: At Chicago, Michael Finley hit the winning shot with 3.2 seconds left and scored 27 points for Dallas.

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defeat Clippers in $2\overline{O}T$

By KEN PETERS The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES - Ricky Davis and his Boston teammates simply refused to lose

Down by 12 points in the fourth quarter, the Celtics rallied for a 134-127 double-overtime victory over the Los Angeles Clippers on Monday night.

"It showed the toughness of the guys. To come back and win is mentally tough," Davis said after scoring seven of his 34 points in the second overtime

'[The Clippers] were shooting the ball well, but we just got stops

at the right times. That's what we've got to do," Davis added. Davis had 19 points in the fourth quarter to rally the Celtics from a 12-point deficit, then had two points in a low-scoring first overtime when each team had just seven points.

Gary Payton scored six of his 15 points in the second extra period to help Boston pull it out.

Paul Pierce had 34 points for the Celtics before fouling out with 3:35 left in regulation and Boston down 103-98.

Celtics coach Doc Rivers liked his team's determination.

"Paul Pierce fouled out, there were just a lot of reasons why we should have gone home, and our guvs just fought." Rivers said. Corev Maggette led the Clip-

pers with a career-high 38 points. four more than his previous best.

This is all so far a learning process," Maggette said of the Clip pers. "We're all just learning."

Elton Brand, back from one-game suspension, added 24 points and had 18 rebounds for Los Angeles, Bobby Simmons had 22 points.

Payton went 3-for-4 and the Celtics were 7-for-9 from the floor in the second overtime. Meanwhile, Maggette missed his three shots and the Clippers were just 3-for-8. In the first overtime, Maggette

hit a three-pointer with 48 seconds remaining to even it at 116. then the teams traded turnovers and the game went to the second extra period Davis' scoring spurt in the

fourth quarter brought the Celtics back from a 102-90 deficit with 8 minutes remaining. He evened it at 109 with a pair of free throws with 8.7 seconds left.

Los Angeles led 85-77 heading into the fourth quarter. Clippers coach Mike Dunleavy

tried to put some positive spin on the defeat.

"We have to use this loss to gain experience and learn from our mistakes," Dunleavy said. There is no sense in pointing the finger at anyone. We win as a team, we lose as a team.

"We did a lot of good things, but we just had some unlucky things happen. Tonight could be one of the most important games of the year, depending on how we re-spond."

Cavaliers 92, Grizzlies 86

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NEW YORK - Portland Trail Blazers coach Maurice Cheeks was fined \$7,500 by the NBA on Monday for failing to leave the court in a timely manner after a loss to the Utah Jazz last week.

The Jazz beat the Blazers 92-87 in overtime Friday night after a crucial call went against Portland down the stretch. With 1.3 sec onds left in regulation and the game tied at 78. Portland's Zach Randolph ran into Utah's Mehmet Okur as he launched a three-pointer from the top of the key. Randolph sprinted to the other end of the floor in disbelief after a foul was called, and Okur

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made all three free throws. After a time out. Portland's Damon Stoudemire re-

ceived a pass in the corner and sank a three-pointer as the horn sounded to send the game to over-

Hornets' Garcia out for season with injured knee

NEW ORLEANS - Hornets guard Alex Garcia will miss the rest of the season because of a torn knee ligament, the latest iniury to hit a team reeling with a 1-18 record.

He twisted his left knee Sunday

against Washington and left the game in the third quarter. The tear of the anterior cruciate ligament was diagnosed Monday by the Charlotte Bobcats' team doctor, the Hornets said. Garcia had an MRI in Charlotte, where the Hornets were to play the Bobcats on Tuesday night.

Garcia averaged 5.5 points and 2.3 assists in 18.3 minutes through eight games, including three starts. He recently returned after missing seven games because of a strained left groin.

Jamaal Magloire, Jamal Mashburn, Baron Davis, David West and Rodney Rogers are on the injured list, and forward Lee Nailon missed his second consecutive

Pacers sign veteran F Curry

INDIANAPOLIS — The Indi-

ana Pacers signed veteran for-ward Michael Curry on Monday as the team continues to adjust its suspension- and injury-depleted

The 6-foot-6 Curry, who has played in 10 NBA seasons and is the president of the players' union, started 152 games for Pac-ers coach Rick Carlisle during 2001-03 when Carlisle was coach ing in Detroit.

He averaged 2.9 points and 1.2 rebounds in 70 games for Toronto last season, but has not played

Martinez picks Mets over Red Sox Angels sign righty Byrd,

New York working to finalize contract after enticing star with four-year deal

BY RONALD BLUM The Associated Press

NEW YORK - Pedro Martinez confirmed Tuesday that he has agreed to join the New York Mets.

"I only hope to honor my contract and to fulfill the expectations," Martinez said on televi-sion in the Dominican Republic. "We got what we wanted. The team and I are happy with ev-

Baseball free agent roundup

Martinez's agent, Fernando Cuza, told the Mets on Monday that he would attempt to work out a deal with them after New York guaranteed a fourth year, a person involved in the talks said on condition of anonymity.

The deal for the pitcher who helped Boston win the World Series will be worth more than \$50 million

"The bigger the contract, the bigger the responsibility," Martinez said.

Martinez said the sides still must determine the distribution of the money, and that he needs to pass a physical.

New York has not announced the deal, choosing to wait until an agreement is signed

and the physical is passed. Martinez had spent the past seven seasons with the Red Sox.

"My heart will always be with the Boston fans. I hope that everyone who truly loves me will still support me now that I won't be with the Red Sox," the three-time Cy Young win-For once, the Mets and new general manag-

er Omar Minaya snatched the spotlight from the star-studded Yankees across town by making the biggest splash at baseball's winter meetings, which ended Monday with many top players still searching for teams.

There were just five trades and seven free-agent signings finalized during the four-day session, but several clubs struck preliminary agreements with free agents that will be completed later this week

Four agreements were finalized Tuesday: third baseman Corey Koskie and Minnesota (\$17 million for three years); left-hander David Wells and Boston (\$8 million for two years); second baseman Jose Hernandez and Cleveland (\$1.8 million for one year); and shortstop Royce Clayton and Arizona (about \$1.3 million for one year).

Richie Sexson and Seattle appeared to be working their way toward a deal, but the first baseman's agent, Casey Close, said Baltimore



Boston pitcher Pedro Martinez, left, and slugger Manny Ramirez smile during a game last season against the New York Yankees. Martinez is close to signing a four-year deal with the Mets.

was still in the hunt.

"Nothing is conclusive at this moment. We'll have to see where this thing goes the next 24, 48 hours," Close said. "It's all specula-

tive as to what people's perspectives are."

The agent for Carlos Delgado, another first baseman, held preliminary talks with the Yankees and was speaking to the Mariners, who told an agent they might try to sign both Sexson and Delgado.

The White Sox traded slugger Carlos Lee to Milwaukee for speedy outfielder Scott Podsednik, reliever Luis Vizcaino and a player to be named. Four free-agent agreements also were announced, topped by catcher Mike Matheny's \$10.5 million, three-year deal with San Francisco

Right-hander Esteban Yan agreed to a \$2.25 million, two-year contract with Anaheim, right-hander Todd Jones finalized a \$1.1 million one-year deal with Florida and outfielder Wil Cordero got a \$600,000, contract from the Washington-bound Expos, who also agreed to a minor league deal with outfielder Jeffrey Ham-

As teams headed home, many top free agents remained on the market, including Carlos Beltran, Adrian Beltre, Magglio Ordonez, Derek Lowe, Eric Milton, Jason Varitek, Orlando Cabrera, J.D. Drew, Edgar Renteria and Moises Alou.

Among the deals awaiting completion were Carl Pavano's four-year contract with the Yanees, a deal worth about \$39 million.

Minaya expressed confidence about the ne gotiations with Martinez, but wouldn't detail he discussions.

"The good news is that we're still in dia-

logue," Minaya said.

"Every day that goes by and we are having dialogue is a good day. Minaya then returned to New York, and the

sides will work by telephone to finalize the contract language. Cuza did not want to comment on the talks

Martinez helped pitch Boston to its first World Series title since 1918, but Red Sox General Manager Theo Epstein said he refused to increase the team's offer in the past two days.
"We wish Pedro nothing but the best going

forward both on the field and off the field. Boston owner John Henry said in an e-mail. "He pitched with every ounce of his being for the Red Sox over the course of 216 games. He has earned everything that he has accom-plished, including his World Series ring and his reputation as one of the greatest who ever

Martinez, 33, would join a rotation that includes two-time Cy Young winner Tom Glavine Kris Benson Steve Trachsel and Victor Zambrano. The Mets lost starter Al Leiter to

Boston's final proposal was a \$40.5 million, three-year deal that contained a club option for 2008, a baseball official said, also on condi tion of anonymity. The Red Sox thought the Mets' offer was for \$56 million over four , the official said, but a Mets official said that figure was not correct.

An agent who spoke with the Mets said New York's proposal was worth about \$52 million. Martinez's departure leaves the Red Sox to defend their title with a rotation that currently

includes Curt Schilling, Wells, Tim Wakefield and Bronson Arroyo. Schilling said Tuesday his injured foot will not be ready for him to

trade Ortiz to Reds

ANAHEIM, Calif. - The Anaheim Angels agreed to a \$4.5 milone-year contract with right-hander Paul Byrd on Tuesday, and traded pitcher Ramon Ortiz to the Cincinnati Reds for a minor league pitcher.
Byrd, 34, was 8-7 with a 3.94

ERA in 19 starts for the Atlanta Braves last season. He began the season on the 60-day disabled list recovering from reconstructive elbow surgery and was activated June 19 Byrd has a 60-53 big league

record with a 4.33 ERA in 215 games, including 127 starts. He has also pitched for the New York Mets, Philadelphia Phillies and Kansas City Royals.

Ortiz, a 31-year-old right-hander, figures to be a member of the Reds' starting rotation. He was 5-7 with a 4.43 ERA in 34 games 14 of them starts - for the An gels last season.

Before last year, he had made all 123 of his big league appearances as a starting pitcher. He won at least 13 games each of the previous three years and was 15-9 with a 3.77 ERA in 2002. helping the Angels win the World Series. He has a career record of 59-49 in 157 games.

The Angels received minorleague right-hander Dustin Moseley from the Reds.

Winter meetings deals

By The Associated Press

1, Pittsburgh traded LHP Arthur Rhodes to Cleveland for OF Matt Lawton.

2, Milwaukee traded RHP Dan Kolls to Atlanta for RHP Jose Capellan and RHP Alex Zumwalt.

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3. Toronto traded o Nevin County Carlos Les Bay for RHP Chad Gaudin. 4. Chicago White Sox traded OF Carlos Lee to Milwaukee for OF Socti Podsednik, RHP Luis Vizcaino and a player to be named. 5. Tampa Bay acquired RHP Angel Garcia from Arizona for cash.

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Union files grievance over Neagle tract, which states the team can

NEW YORK - The players association filed a grievance Tuesday in an effort to overturn the Colorado Rockies' termination of Denny Neagle's contract. Neagle is owed \$19 million

under the \$51 million, five-year deal agreed to in December 2000. Colorado terminated the agreement Dec. 6, three days after the oft-injured pitcher was cited for solicitation. Police said a woman in his car told them he had paid her \$40 for oral sex.

Colorado cited section 7 (b) (1) of the Uniform Player Con-

terminate the contract if a player shall "fail, refuse or neglect to conform his personal conduct to the standards of good citizenship and good sportsmanship or to keep himself in first-class physical condition.

Neagle was issued a court for summons for Jan. 27. The 36-year-old left-hander was due to make \$10 million in 2005 and a \$9 million buyout of a \$12.5 million team option for 2006.

He last pitched on July 20, 2003, and in the past 14 months has had elbow ligament and shoulder surgery.



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Plummer faces fine for gesture

The Associated Press

DENVER - Denver quarterback Jake Plum mer probably lost more than just his cool when he made an obscene gesture toward the stands. The NFL is reviewing Plummer's actions under its long-standing policy that prohibits

public displays of profanity, a review that will likely lead to a fine. Plummer didn't do himself many favors in a city that is already a little fed up with his per-

formance this season. He was a no-show in the locker room Mon day, the day after a shaky 20-17 victory over lowly Miami that kept the Broncos (8-5) tied with Baltimore for the AFC's final wildcard



spot. Plummer threw two in terceptions. After the first, he made an obscene ges ture toward the stands which was caught by TV cameras carrying

game on CBS. He apologized Sunday, saying "One guy got into my head a little bit. It shouldn't be that

public displays of profanity.

way. On Monday, his coach and teammates chimed in

"I think Jake understands that this game is very tough on the quarterback," coach Mike Shanahan said. "You work your way through it. If you're mentally tough enough, you survive. If not, you acquiesce and you're gone.

Plummer has thrown six interceptions without a touchdown in the past two games. League spokesman Greg Aiello said the NFL's stance on profanity has not changed and the case would be reviewed under the league's long-standing policy that prohibits

Coughlin sticks with Manning

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. - Despite horrific struggles in recent weeks, Tom Coughlin still believes that Eli Manning is going to be an outstanding quarterback for the reeling New York Giants.

Coughlin reiterated Monday that the No. 1 pick in the draft will start against the Pittsburgh Steelers (12-1) on Saturday, adding that giving Manning a week off to clear his head wasn't an option.

"The rookie player that has this type of opportunity, and this type of experience, it is a priceless experience that does not come with out pain," Coughlin said in a conference call

as he reviewed a 37-14 loss to Baltimore. Not only is Manning winless in four starts since taking over from Kurt Warner, his statistics are dreadful. He has completed 42 of 110 passes for 516 yards, one touchdown and six interceptions. His quarterback rating is a 33.8 percent — the lowest in the NFL for anyone with 100 pass attempts.

And the Giants have lost their last three

NFL injury update

Injuries to prominent NFL players, followed by team's rognosis. (See Saturday's edition for complete injury re-

ort provided by the league): Billis TE Tim Euhus (knee) out for season. Broncos: RB Tatum Bell (shoulder) questio Eagles: DT Hollis Thomas (dislocated elb weeks.

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Seahawks: DE Grant Wistrom (knee ligament) will miss up to six weeks. games by at least 21 points, the first time that

Titans coach will talk with McNair

about sitting out rest of season NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Tennessee quarterback Steve McNair might sit out the final three games of the season with a bruised sternum that has kept him from playing the past

With the Titans (4-9) officially eliminated from playoff contention, coach Jeff Fisher said Tuesday he will talk with McNair in a few days to decide his status for this season.

The Titans do not have a healthy starter on the offensive line, and face even more shuffling. Center Justin Hartwig tore onen the ring finger on his right hand and needed surgery following Monday night's 49-38 loss to Kansas City

McNair, the NFL's co-MVP last season, bruised his sternum on Sept. 26, an injury that put him in the hospital for two nights. He has aggravated the injury twice, causing him to miss five games and parts of two others this

After hurting his chest again on Nov. 28, Mc-Nair said he was tired of being hurt. Asked three days later if he still felt that way, the 32-year-old 10-year veteran didn't back off his comments that he will decide this offseason whether it's time to stop playing football

Bengals QB Palmer questionable

CINCINNATI — Carson Palmer sustained no serious damage to his left knee, but the Cincinnati Bengals quarterback was still on crutches and wearing a bulky brace on Monday

Tests on Palmer's sprained knee showed no ear to his anterior cruciate ligament. Coach Marlin Lewis didn't rule out the possibility of Palmer playing Sunday against Buffalo.

Lewis put the final decision on Palmer's availability off until midweek, listing him as questionable for now.

"Let's wait and see what hannens" Lewis

If Palmer's sprained knee isn't better, Jon Kitna will make his first start of the season Kitna took over for Palmer during the third quarter of a 35-28 loss in New England and looked rusty on his first series of the season.

Garcia joins Browns' long IR list

BEREA, Ohio - Cleveland quarterback Jeff Garcia will miss the rest of the season

after tearing a knee ligament, another blow to the battered Browns, who have lost seven straight games.

Garcia is the eighth starter and 17th player overall to be placed on the injured reserve list

by the Browns (3-10). Garcia was hurt in the third quarter of Sunday's 37-7 loss to Buffalo after taking over for rookie Luke McCown. Garcia, who missed the previous two games with a sprained shoulder. lasted just three plays before injuring his knee while fumbling as he was sacked.

Shaky Chandler might start again for Rams ST. LOUIS - Marc Bulger can't get healthy

fast enough for the St. Louis Rams. One day after missing a 20-7 loss to the Panthers with a sprained shoulder, Bulger re-

sumed light throwing on Monday. The Rams are aiming for him to return next week against the Eagles.

"He's a little sore, but who knows?" coach Mike Martz said Monday. "We may have him, but I'm not going to count on it. That means another week with 39-year-old

backup Chris Chandler, whose first start of the season was forgettable and included a career-worst six interceptions.

The alternatives are not very enticing for the Rams (6-7). The backups are rookie Jeff Smoker, who's still learning the offense, and Jamie Martin, who's not physically ready after being out of the NFL since October 2003 before signing last week.

Urlacher's status depends on MRI

LAKE FOREST, Ill. - Chicago Bears linebacker Brian Urlacher is to have an MRI on his left hamstring this week, and his status for the final three games is unknown. Urlacher sustained his third leg injury of

the season in Sunday's 22-3 loss to the Jacksonville Jaguars.

Urlacher made a brief appearance in the Bears' locker room Monday. Asked how his leg was doing, he said: "Which one?"

Urlacher missed the entire preseason and two early games this season with a sore right hamstring. He later sat out two more games after surgery on his left calf following a Nov. 14 game against Tennessee. He had played the past two weeks.

Raiders close to signing Janikowski to contract extension

ALAMEDA, Calif. — The Oakland Raiders are close to signing kicker Sebastian Janikowski to a five-year contract extension

"We're trying to finalize some loose ends, player personnel chief Michael Lombardi said Tuesday.

The 26-year-old Janikowski, the Raiders first-round draft pick in 2000, has converted all but three of his 22 field-goal attempts this season for the Raiders (4-9). He is 112-for-140 in his NFL career

Points: Bennett, Volek have career games in loss fore Green's exchange with full-

POINTS FROM BACK PAGE

"It's just a shame it comes like this," Bennett said. "That's about the hardest I've seen a group of guys play for 60 minutes, and for it to turn out like this is tough." It's been that kind of season for

the Titans, who made the playoffs the past two years.

The Titans had gone ahead 38-35 when rookie Randy Starks pounced on Tony Richardson's bobbled handoff at the Kansas City 17, and Gary Anderson kicked a 27-yard field goal with 1:39 remaining. Then the Chiefs. who got two touchdown runs of 46 and 41 yards from Larry Johnson, surged back

"I was excited, I was pumped,"

my chance and my shot, I did everything I had to do and break tackles

Tennessee tried a hook-and-ladder play after Kennison's go-ahead TD, but Kawika Mitchell went 39 yards with a fumble for Kansas City's final touch-

"This was one of those games that just ended up being a shootout," Green said. "We were be-hind, clawing our way back and got in position very late in the game to get it done

The Titans led much of the night and came back to tie it 35-35 on a 4-yard TD reception by Derrick Mason moments be-

back Richardson fell to the ground

A strong second half allowed the Chiefs to overcome Bennett. who easily bettered Denver's Rod Smith's 208 yards against Atlanta on Oct. 31. Bennett, who needed intravenous fluids at halftime set the season high for yards with a nifty move on a fade pattern for a 7-yard touchdown early in the second half. That gave the Titans a 28-21 lead.

"I felt I could beat the DB every time," Bennett said. "I didn't feel our offense in general could be stopped.

Johnson, who has emerged from coach Dick Vermeil's doghouse with a burst, rushed for 104 vards on only seven carries in place of injured star Priest Holm-

Tennessee's Chris Brown went over 1,000 yards rushing for the season on the opening series, but he also fumbled twice. He had a 1-yard TD run before leaving at halftime with a recurrence of his turf toe injury; he gained 91 He soon was followed to the

sideline by tackle Fred Miller (ankle) and center Justin Hartwig (finger). Kennison also had a big night

that featured a 58-yard TD reception as both defenses kept losing track of opposing receivers.

"I don't know how many yards they got," Vermeil said, "but they got a lot."

SPORTS

Sixth-ranked Wake Forest manages to squeak past stubborn Temple, Page 35 WAKE FOREST



The sign of points to come

Chiefs rally to top Titans in wild, offensive show

BY BARRY WILNER The Associated Press

NASHVILLE, Tenn. - For two also-rans, the Chiefs and Titans sure know how to put on a show. A long, wild, controversial show.

The Monday night showcase featured 925 yards of offense, a season-high receiving performance, a highly debatable penaltv. a bunch of comebacks — and. finally, a smile on the face of Kansas City coach Dick Vermeil after

a 49-38 victory.
"I'm sure it was entertaining said Vermeil, who scowled at his porous defense most of the night. Some people may have turned their sets off early. I noticed that a lot of people left the game, the stands had empty seats.

"Pro football is pro football. Two teams, we were both in the playoffs last year and for one reason or another neither team is in the playoffs this year. But that doesn't mean we aren't good football teams or can't play exciting football:

Or controversial.

Kansas City (5-8), which won 13 games last season, was helped greatly by a phantom penalty, then got the winning points on a 9-yard touchdown catch by Eddie Kennison with 32 seconds left

Trent Green capped a 64-yard drive in just over a minute with his third touchdown pass.

One play earlier, referee Tom White called a personal foul on rookie Travis LaBoy for a hit to Green's helmet. But LaBoy clearly hit Green on the shoulder.

"I am disappointed in the performance of Tom White and the job he did officiating that game, said coach Jeff Fisher, who as co-chairman of the NFL competition committee rarely criticizes officials. "You've got to let players

One player who played his best was Titans receiver Drew Bennett, a former college quarterback. He had 233 yards receiving, a career high and the most in the league this season. Bennett caught three touchdown passes from Billy Volek, who threw for a career-high 426 yards in replac-ing the injured Steve McNair one of nine Titans starters not on hand; three more left during the game

But it wasn't enough for undermanned Tennessee (4-9), which gained 542 yards and lost on a night that even featured a snow shower in Music City.

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Chiefs wide receiver Johnnie Morton celebrates his touchdown catch in the second quarter at the exp Titans safety Scott McGarrahan. Kansas City surrendered 542 yards on Monday but won 49-38.

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